

BOARD OF HEALTH

SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

ANIMAL CONTROL

ANIMAL BITES AND RABIES CONTROL	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTAL
Number of rabies vaccination clinics	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of dogs vaccinated at clinic	0	0	0	0	64	0	59	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of cats vaccinated at clinic	0	0	0	0	12	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
Animal Cruelty Investigations	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dogs running at large	14	3	2	6	5	12	6	4					0
Cat complaints	1	0	0	2	5	5	6	3					0
Injured wildlife	5	2	3	3	7	15	3	2					0
Injured domestic	1	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0				0
Expired and road kill deer	12	4	13	2	3	10	5	4					0
Animals submitted for rabies test	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0		0	0	0
Animals positive for rabies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		0	0	0
Bite reports	2	2	1	5	5	1	3	3			0		0
Barking complaints	4	2	2	0	2	2	3	2	0	0	0		0
Wildlife assistance	2	2	7	3	10	10	7	2					0

Expired wildlife	2	3	5	3	2	6	3	4	0	0	0	0
Expired domestic	1	3	1	0	2	2	1	0				0
Trap wildlife	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trap domestic	0	0	0	0	5	4	2	0	0	0	0	0
Animals in vehicle	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Public health complaints	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Agricultural animal complaints	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
Summons issued	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0			0	0
Animals placed under Quarantine	2	2	1	5	5	1	3	3			0	0
Assist Veterinarian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Police other Department assistance	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monthly Totals					136	70	113					

ENVIRONMENTAL

Risk-
Assessment
of Home

<i>January</i>	<i>February</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>April</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>August</i>	<i>September</i>	<i>October</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>December</i>	<i>Total</i>
1	0	0	1	5	5	6	0					

Number of body art
related infections/injuries
reported

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Number of Body Art
Plan Reviews done

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

	<i>January</i>	<i>February</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>April</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>August</i>	<i>September</i>	<i>October</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>December</i>	<i>Total</i>
<u>INQUIRIES, ISSUES, AND COMPLAINT INVESTIGATIONS</u>													
Number of contacts (inquiries, issues, and/or complaints) received by and/or reported	3	1	2	5	13	15	15	14					
Number of unduplicated cases (stemming from complaints and/or issues reported to the LHD) investigated	3	1	1	5	13	15	15	7					
Number of cases (stemming from complaints and/or issues reporting to the LHD) in this service area in this reporting year for which the LHD had to take one or more enforcement actions	0	0	0	1	3	3	3	1					

KENNELS, PET SHOPS, AND SHELTER/POUND FACILITIES
LICENSED FACILITIES

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Number of licensed pet shop facilities operating	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Number of licensed kennel facilities operating	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Number of licensed shelters/pound facilities operating	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			

INSPECTIONS
Number of pre-operational inspections conducted at:

- pet shop	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
- kennel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
- shelter/pound	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			

Number of routine inspections conducted at:

- pet shop	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
- kennel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
- shelter/pound	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			

Number of routine re-inspections conducted at:

- pet shop	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
- kennel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			

**ONSITE
WASTEWATER
DISPOSAL SYSTEM
SAFETY**

Number of system construction permits issued that provide final authorization to proceed with:

January February March April May June July August September October November December Total

- new system installation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- existing system repair	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- existing system alteration (without expansion)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- existing system alteration (with expansion)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of system construction permits issued for installation, repair, or alteration of advanced wastewater pretreatment systems	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of system construction permits issued for installation, repair, or alteration of commercial facility systems	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of systems in this municipality	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Number of unduplicated noncompliant systems identified	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of realty transfer system inspection reports reviewed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of systems identified as noncompliant realty transfer system inspection	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of system investigations conducted	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of system-related summonses to appear in court that were issued	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of OLD septic system emptying, crushing & filling in processes observed....have been out of service for quite some time....property hooked to public sewer for quite some time	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**POTABLE
WELLS AND
DRINKING
WATER
SAFETY**

January February March April May June July August September October November December Total

Number of potable well inspections conducted	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0				
Number of unduplicated potable wells inspected	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0				
Number of potable well certificates of compliance issued	1	1	1	2	3	3	1	2				
Number of potable well investigations conducted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Number of potable well investigations where the LHD determined the well water to be hazardous to human health	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Number of public water system complaints received	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Number of public water systems sealed by a professional well driller	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0				

Number of Irrigation
Wells Dug

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Number of Geo-
Thermal Wells
(closed loop) dug
for heating/ice
conditioning

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

**RETAIL FOOD
ESTABLISHMENT
SAFETY**

January February March April May June July August September October November December Total

**Number of licensed
establishments of each
type**

- permanent fixed Risk Level 1	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53
- permanent fixed Risk Level 2	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105
- permanent fixed Risk Level 3	92	92	92	92	92	94	94	94
- mobile	5	5	5	5	5	22	7	7
- temporary	0	0	0	0	7	20	2	1
- other (e.g., retail food establishments that conduct ONLY specialized processes)	1	1	1	1	5	5	5	5
Number of specialized processes overseen	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

REVIEWS / INSPECTIONS

Number of retail food establishment plan reviews conducted	0	2	1	0	1	1	1	3
Number of pre-operational retail food establishments inspected	1	1	1	3	4	1	0	0

**Number of routine
inspections conducted
for each of the following
types of retail food
establishments:**

- permanent fixed Risk Level 1	31	16	5	10	0	1	2	1
- permanent fixed Risk Level 2	5	9	8	10	4	2	10	7
- permanent fixed Risk Level 3	4	3	11	7	9	5	7	7
- mobile	0	0	0	0	2	22	7	1
- temporary	0	0	0	1	6	20	2	1

- other (e.g., retail food establishments that conduct ONLY specialized processes)

0 0 4 1 1 0 0 0

RE-INSPECTIONS

Number of routine re-inspections conducted for each of the following types of retail food establishment:

- permanent fixed Risk Level 1

0 2 3 2 0 0 2 1

- permanent fixed Risk Level 2

2 7 2 5 2 3 5 3

- permanent fixed Risk Level 3

5 5 6 8 3 5 7 7

- mobile

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

- temporary

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

- other (e.g., retail food establishments that conduct ONLY specialized processes)

0 0 2 1 0 0 0 0

INVESTIGATIONS / INSPECTIONS / ENFORCEMENT

Number of non-routine emergency & complaint-related investigations/inspections of retail food establishments

1 1 1 3 4 6 5 5

- non-routine investigations

0 0 0 2 2 4 3 3

- non-routine inspections

1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2

Number of retail food establishments had to take one or more enforcement actions

0 1 0 0 0 2 2 1

Number of Hearings
w/ Health Officer that
needed to be held dur
to non-
compliance/repeat
violations

0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1

**RECREATIONAL
BATHING FACILITIES**

**Number of licensed public
recreational bathing
facilities**

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
- year-round facilities	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5					
- seasonal facilities	13	13	13	13	13	14	14	14					

**Number of public
recreational bathing
features of each type**

- swimming/wading pool	17	17	17	17	17	18	18	18					
- hot tub/spa	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1					
- spray park	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2					
- aquatic recreation facility	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
- bathing beach - bay/ocean	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
- bathing beach - river	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
- bathing beach - lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					

**PRE-OPERATIONAL
INSPECTIONS**

**Number of pre-operational
inspections of public
recreational bathing
facilities conducted**

- year-round facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
- seasonal facilities	0	0	0	0	10	4	2	0					

ROUTINE INSPECTIONS

Number of routine inspections of public recreational bathing facilities conducted

- year-round facilities	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	0
- seasonal facilities	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	13

ROUTINE RE-INSPECTIONS

Number of routine re-inspections of public recreational bathing facilities conducted

- year-round facilities	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	0
- seasonal facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2

NON-ROUTINE INSPECTIONS

Number of non-routine emergency and complaint-related inspections of public recreational bathing facilities conducted

- year-round facilities	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
- seasonal facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

CLOSED FEATURES/FACILITIES

Number of public recreational bathing features closed

- swimming/wading pool	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	2
- hot tub/spa	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
- spray park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- aquatic recreation facility	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- bathing beach - bay/ocean	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- bathing beach - river	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- bathing beach - lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

OTHER ACTIVITY

Number of CCMP sites	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of sanitary surveys conducted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- bathing beach - bay/ocean	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- bathing beach - river	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- bathing beach - lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pool Plan Review (New)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

**YOUTH
CAMPS**

	<i>January</i>	<i>February</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>April</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>August</i>	<i>September</i>	<i>October</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>December</i>	<i>Total</i>
Number of pre-operational inspections of youth camp facilities conducted	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0				
Number of routine inspections of summer youth camp facilities conducted	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0				
Number of routine re-inspections of youth camp facilities conducted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Number of non-routine emergency and complaint-related inspections of youth camp facilities conducted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Number of youth camp facilities in this service area in this reporting year on which the LHD had to take one or more enforcement actions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				

NURSING

Individualized Clinical Services	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Number of clinic-based medical visits	26	9	8	4	24	16	20	13					
Number of unduplicated individuals who received clinic-based medical services	26	5	8	0	22	14	20	10					
Number of home-based nursing visits	25	25	2	0	0	0	0	1	0				
Number of unduplicated individuals who received home nursing services	4	7	2	0	0	0	0	1	0				
Number of clinic-based medical visits and home-based nursing visits that resulted in a referral	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0					
Number of other client contacts that resulted in referral	5	7	5	8	5	4	2	2					
Number of immunizations administered to children age 0-4	18	3	9	10	0	9	1	0	7				
Number of children age 0-4	8	3	3	2	0	2	2	0	1				
Number of school-age 5-18 immunizations administered	5	14	8	7	6	40	20	67	47				
Number of school-age children	5	5	3	3	2	5	5	13	6				
Number of adult (18-64) immunizations administered	6	3	1	1	3	1	0	5	2				
Number of adults (18-64)	6	3	1	1	3	1	0	5	2				
Number of older adults (65+) immunizations administered	7	7	1	1	14	7	2	2	0				
Number of older adults (65+)	7	7	1	1	14	7	2	2	0				
Number of unduplicated individuals screened for													
childhood blood lead	13	8	6	5	2	7	3	5					
Hepatitis B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	5				
STD / STI (other than HIV/AIDS)	1	1	4	3	3	2	3						
HIV/AIDS	1	1	4	2	3	2	3						
breast cancer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
cervical cancer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
colorectal cancer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
all other cancers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
cardiovascular disease	6	14	6	10	28	26	43	26	6				
hypertension	6	14	6	10	103	24	43	26	6				
diabetes	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0				
tuberculosis	0	8	0	6	9	1	23	13	8				
vision	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
hearing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
all other screenings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Number of screening tests conducted for													
childhood blood lead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
hepatitis B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0				
STD / STI (other than HIV/AIDS)	1	1	4	3	3	2	3		6				
HIV/AIDS	0	1	4	2	2	2	3		6				
breast cancer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
cervical cancer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
colorectal cancer	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0				
all other cancers	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0				
cardiovascular disease	6	14	6	10	42	12	23	26					
hypertension	6	14	6	10	42	12	23	26					
diabetes	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	0				

tuberculosis	0	2	1	0	7	1	23	11	4				
vision	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0				
hearing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Hemoglobin & other screenings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				

School Immunization Record Audit	<i>January</i>	<i>February</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>April</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>August</i>	<i>September</i>	<i>October</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>December</i>	<i>Total</i>
Number of Childcare/Pre-K facilities operating	19						1						20
Number of Childcare/Pre-K facilities that were audited	15	4					1						20
Number of Kindergarten facilities operating	5												5
Number of Kindergarten facilities that were audited	1	4											5
Number of Grade 1 facilities operating	5												5
Number of Grade 1 facilities that were audited	1	4											5
Number of Grade 6 facilities operating	4												4
Number of Grade 6 facilities that were audited	1	3											4
Number of High School facilities operating	6						1						7
Number of High School facilities whose transfer student records were audited	1	5					1						7

VITAL STATISTICS

(This Meeting was Held In-Person & via Zoom due to COVID-19)

BOARD OF HEALTH

June 29, 2021

President Schroth called the Board of Health meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

PRESENT

Ms. Keyes-Maloney

Jim McManimon, Administrator

Ms. Steward

Kristen Reed, Health Officer (via Zoom)

Ms. Wollert

Kim J. Macellaro, Municipal Clerk

President Schroth

President Schroth introduced the Township's Health Officer, Kristen Reed.

REPORT OF HEALTH OFFICER

Kristen Reed (Health Officer) reported on the Board of Health Statistics for May 2021.

Ms. Reed reviewed the Environmental Reports.

Ms. Reed reported on the Nursing Statistics.

Ms. Reed discussed the Animal Control Statistics.

Ms. Reed discussed Vital Statistics.

There were no questions or comments from the Board of Health on these reports.

NEW BUSINESS

The Health Officer said one rabies vaccination clinic was held on June 5th and the last clinic scheduled for the year is September 13th from 5-7 p.m.

The Health Department is continuing to vaccinate individuals for COVID-19. They are working through homebound residents. They have completed the backlog and are still accepting referrals for individuals who are homebound. They have also held some locally targeted clinics – one was held at Great Cathedral Church, another at Central Church, and one at the Latino Soccer League. The number vaccinated is not as large as the clinics that were initially held, but they will continue to do these smaller localized clinics to get out into the Community to provide opportunity for individuals to get vaccinated.

Three clinics are planned – Hollowbrook Community Pool on July 9th from 2-5 p.m., and two clinics at the Moody Park Basketball League on July 13th and July 14th from 5-8 p.m.

A vaccination trailer will be at National Night Out. They will continue to reach out to churches, businesses, and apartment complexes to arrange clinics. They partnered with Capital Health and Mercer County OEM to use their vaccination trailer and van at these events. They will also assist the nurses when the Department goes out to these clinics.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney asked if any notices/information/resources about the intense heat had been posted on the website so residents, particularly seniors, know what they should do/where they can go to get out of the heat.

The Health Officer said that they can absolutely post an Excessive Heat Warning.

The Administrator added that the community centers are open during the day until 4 p.m. The public can come in. All the programs are not yet up and running, but the centers are open and both pools are open. The ESCC pool is open seven days a week. The air conditioning units at the centers are up and running and people are welcome to come in and sit, but he is not announcing a cooling center.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney mentioned that the County library is also an option.

Ms. Reed confirmed that the County libraries are open and can be used by individuals, if needed to get out of the heat.

Vice President Steward asked, regarding COVID, what are the current trends on positivity rates and does the Department have any data on the Delta variant or any other variants out there.

Ms. Reed replied that rates have slowed down significantly and can be contributed to a couple of factors. One, is that there is a lull; two, people are not testing as often; and three, people are COVID positive but are not showing symptoms; they do not even know, they are positive. It is kind of in a holding pattern as they are waiting to see what happens when schools reopen in the fall and remote workers come back into the office. Contact tracing is done at the County level. The number of personal required gives her more of an idea as to what is happening. Right now, no further increase in the number of contact tracers is required. The County is just managing that resource. Right now, the County has between one-third and one-half of the number it had at the height of the pandemic. Regarding the Delta variant, they had been instructed to follow-through if a case comes in. Right now, there are no cases in Ewing. She is not aware of any breakthrough cases which is where someone already had COVID or had been vaccinated and then had COVID again. They are hearing that that is happening elsewhere.

Vice President Steward said that it is summer camp inspection season. There are a lot of additional requirements. Are the applications coming in at the same rate and are any unique challenges being seen?

Health Officer Reed said that Ewing Township only does a very small portion of those camps based on what the needs of that camp are. Of those that they do inspect, last year, very few opened. This year – more, but still fewer than five years ago. Some of the traditional long-standing camps have not opened yet. Most of those that are opening are struggling with the COVID restrictions. Particularly, cleaning/sanitizing is a challenge.

Councilwoman Wollert said that she was first going to ask if the Delta variant has been seen in Ewing or in the County and then asked if there is a push to make the COVID vaccine mandatory for school children like MMR and will the vaccine be expanded to all school-age children before the start of the school year?

Health Officer Reed said that there have been a couple cases of Delta in Mercer County, not in Ewing. As of right now, they had not expanded the vaccination to children under twelve years of age. She has not heard that that they are going to make it mandatory for children like MMR. Some colleges are requiring it if they are attending classes in person.

Councilwoman Wollert asked if there has been any evidence that the vaccine itself, is problematic for younger children.

Ms. Reed responded that she has not read anything other than what is currently in the literature for the Pfizer vaccine which is the only vaccine available for those under eighteen. It is possible that when another vaccine becomes available, there may be additional information. Just like adults have a choice and have a need for one vaccine over another, there will be the opportunity for children to get one vaccine over another.

The Health Officer added that the Department will be handing out flyers for the upcoming clinics. Everyone needs to work together to encourage outreach and try to get into community groups. They will be partnering with other groups in Ewing to increase the vaccination efforts. Ewing's senior and adult population has been well-reached. Now, the younger adult population rates need to be increased.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Board of Health.

Victoria Mark (9 Patton Drive) asked what percentage of the Senior population has been vaccinated and what are the recommendations that the Health Officer has been given for those already vaccinated?

Health Officer Reed said that she does not have the breakdown for the senior population. She only has an adult population number – 18+. Currently, there is not a carve out for seniors. It is a great suggestion to make it more nuanced, it would be beneficial. The target percentage and what locals are tasked with is a seventy percent vaccination rate.

Ms. Mark said that she did not state the second question correctly. For those who already had COVID, what is the recommendation for getting the vaccine? Ms. Mark said that she has heard conflicting reports.

Ms. Reed said that it is recommended that those who have had COVID, still get vaccinated. It is important because the current vaccine protects against the variant. There is a possibility that you could pick up the variant strain. One thing that has changed a bit is previously, they recommended that someone wait ninety days after COVID before getting the vaccine. Now, they recommend the vaccine ten to fourteen days after, depending on the illness level.

Ms. Mark said that there are no designated cooling stations in Ewing, just cool places people can go to.

President Schroth replied – correct.

Vice President Steward added that you generally see designated cooling stations in places that do not already have cool places where residents can go. Ewing does have places that are open as the Business Administrator mentioned.

Ms. Mark asked how would you get that information out, especially to seniors?

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney said that that was the hope of having information put on the website.

Ms. Reed said that the locations are on the website, but they will make it more visible.

President Schroth said that the Mayor has an effective system of robocalls to get announcements out if there is an emergency.

Ms. Mark asked if anything goes directly to places like Cambridge Hall which is all seniors? The Council President said that it depends on the circumstances. Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney said that most of the traditional senior places are air-conditioned and if something happened, the Board of Health would direct a cooling station to open.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Public.

The Clerk stated for the record that Councilman Baxter has an excused absence this evening and asked the Council President if she could call roll.

ROLL CALL

**Ms. Keyes-Maloney – Present
Ms. Steward – Present
Ms. Wollert – Present
President Schroth – Present**

STATEMENTS & COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no statements and comments from the Public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Schroth asked for a motion to adjourn. Vice President Steward so moved seconded by Ms. Keyes-Maloney. It was agreed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

David Schroth, President

Kim J. Macellaro, Municipal Clerk

(This Meeting was Held In-Person & via Zoom due to COVID-19)

BOARD OF HEALTH

July 27, 2021

President Schroth called the Board of Health meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Baxter – Present

Ms. Keyes-Maloney – via Zoom

Ms. Steward – Present

Ms. Wollert – Present

President Schroth - Present

Jim McManimon, Administrator

Kristen Reed, Health Officer (via Zoom)

Kim J. Macellaro, Municipal Clerk

President Schroth introduced the Township's Health Officer, Kristen Reed.

REPORT OF HEALTH OFFICER

Kristen Reed (Health Officer) reported on the Board of Health Statistics for June 2021.

Ms. Reed discussed the Animal Control Statistics. The June rabies clinic was more lightly attended than normal. It was a drive-thru clinic that worked rather well. There were no incidents. Seventy-six dogs and twenty-two cats were vaccinated. Ms. Reed thanked everyone who helped support the clinic.

The Clerk added that out of the seventy some dogs that were vaccinated, The Clerk's Office licensed about fifty dogs, so it is beneficial for the Clerk's Office to be there.

The Health Officer agreed.

There were no questions or comments from the Board of Health.

Ms. Reed reported on the Nursing Statistics.

Councilman Baxter asked for clarification – what does “Number of Unduplicated Individuals” mean.

The Health Officer replied that when vaccinations are given, it means those who received a one-time vaccine.

Councilman Baxter asked what is the age bracket for “adult” and “older adult”?

Ms. Reed responded that generally it is fifty-five plus for “older adult”.

Councilman Baxter, regarding Vital Statistics, said that the Township only receives a small portion of the funds taken in as compared to the State. Is there anything that can be done about that?

Ms. Reed replied that generally, those are set fees. She said that she can put the request in...but that needs to be addressed at the State level.

Mayor Steinmann (via Zoom) added that four or five years ago, they adjusted the fee schedule, after canvassing every municipality in the region; for those fees other than what the State imposes.

At the request of the Mayor, the Clerk commented that she believes that all the funeral homes are going to the State because their fee is cheaper than the Township's.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Board of Health.

Ms. Reed reviewed the Environmental Reports. The Retail Food Inspections and Reinspection numbers are not current with the actual inspections conducted in June. She will email the Board the updated numbers.

There were no questions or comments from the Board of Health.

Ms. Reed discussed Vital Statistics.

There were no questions or comments from the Board of Health.

OLD BUSINESS

Health Officer Reed said that the Township is still offering vaccination clinics although they are now smaller. Five clinics were held in July; they were lightly attended. The Department is partnering with the Ewing Board of Education who will be conducting a back-to-school vaccination clinic on August 2nd. During National Night Out, August 3rd, they will partner with Mercer County and Capital Health to provide vaccinations. Pfizer, J&J, and Moderna will be offered.

Ms. Reed said that only primary doses are being offered as the Department has not received any additional information about booster shots. They will work with other health departments and the County to coordinate efforts to provide any future booster shot. The Department is also continuing their efforts to vaccinate home-bound individuals.

The Health Officer next provided a general overview of the COVID-19 pandemic and discussed the current compliance for vaccination and quarantine.

Ms. Reed said that they are looking forward to opening the schools in September. It is a day-to-day conversation. They just need to be prepared for any potential response.

Councilman Baxter asked how many vaccinations were given during the pop-up clinics?

Health Officer Reed responded – approximately forty. Some clinics were better attended than others although that is not unique to Ewing. Clinics are becoming smaller and less attended throughout Mercer County and the State. Those who want to be vaccinated are vaccinated. They are addressing accessibility issues, but they are running into populations with some vaccine hesitancy.

Councilwoman Wollert asked what percentage of Ewing's population, twelve and older, is vaccinated.

Health Officer Reed said that the overall vaccination rate for the adult population for individuals who have had one dose is sixty-two percent. Local health departments are being tasked with a seventy percent rate for their adult population. The percentage that has completed its one dose Johnson & Johnson and two dose Pfizer or Moderna is fifty-five percent. For younger adults, aged 18-29, thirty percent have received one dose and twenty-six percent are completely vaccinated and for those between 12-18, sixty-one percent had a least one dose and forty-seven percent completed two doses.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Board of Health.

Victoria Mark (9 Patton Drive) said that vaccinations should continue and asked if they also provide information about therapeutics and the importance of Vitamin D.

Health Officer Reed replied that with the Seniors, especially the home-bound, besides giving them the vaccination, they do an assessment of their health needs.

Ms. Mark said that it is known that there is a correlation with low Vitamin D. Are seniors tested for that?

Health Officer Reed responded that the Department does not have the ability to run medical tests while they are out vaccinating. It is truly a home-bound vaccination. That would be something which would best be coordinated through their healthcare provider. If they do not have a healthcare provided, that is part of the assessment.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Schroth asked for a motion to adjourn. Vice President Steward so moved seconded by Mr. Baxter. It was agreed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

David Schroth, President

Kim J. Macellaro, Municipal Clerk

(This Meeting was Held In-Person & via Zoom due to COVID-19)

BOARD OF HEALTH

September 28, 2021

Acting President Steward called the Board of Health meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

**Mr. Baxter
Ms. Keyes-Maloney
Ms. Steward
Ms. Wollert**

**Jim McManimon, Administrator
Kristen Reed, Health Officer
Susan Bate, Deputy Municipal Clerk**

Acting President Steward introduced the Township's Health Officer, Kristen Reed.

REPORT OF HEALTH OFFICER

Kristen Reed (Health Officer) reported on the Board of Health Statistics for August 2021.

Ms. Reed discussed the Animal Control Statistics.

There were no questions or comments from the Board of Health.

Ms. Reed reported on the Nursing Statistics.

Acting President Steward asked about the School Immunization Audit section. For Pre-K, it has sixteen for January, but zeros for every month since then.

Ms. Reed responded that generally they are only audited once a year.

The Acting President said that there are two columns, the column headed "Operating", should show sixteen each month. Can that be fixed?

There were no additional questions or comments from the Board of Health.

Ms. Reed discussed Vital Statistics.

There were no questions or comments from the Board of Health.

Ms. Reed reviewed the Environmental Reports.

There were no questions or comments from the Board of Health.

NEW BUSINESS

Health Officer Reed asked Mayor Steinmann to discuss the new grant opportunities.

Mayor Steinmann (via Zoom) said that this year, the Township applied for grant opportunities for COVID-19. Sixty-six percent of Ewing residents are fully vaccinated; sixty-nine percent have at least one shot. They have held clinics to encourage people to get vaccinated and will continue to do that. These hirings will allow more people to be involved with outreach. There will also be an ad campaign and additional reverse 911 calls to try to get the vaccination numbers up. The Mayor said that he does not know why they are not having more success, but they will keep trying. Mayor Steinmann asked the Board of Health for ideas on outreach. They did reach out to several Churches, went out to Moody Park, and the West End Soccer Fields. For the time spent, the numbers were not great. With this grant money, hopefully, the Town can devote greater manpower and do outreach eight hours a day instead of what is currently able to be done.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney asked if there is a certain population that they are struggling with? Is there a certain demographic?

Ms. Reed replied – it is the younger adults – eighteen to twenty-nine.

The Mayor added that the minority population is not as strong for getting the COVID shot. They will concentrate more in those areas. Also, for every culture, a certain age group....

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney said that the younger they are, the harder it is to get them vaccinated. They believe they are invincible. How people in that age grouping get news may differ. Sixty-nine percent is just below the State average; everyone wants to surpass that – seventy and beyond is moving toward herd immunity.

Ms. Reed said that recognizing that it is a different type of media, they did have a meeting with the Public Health Department over at the College of New Jersey and with some of the students to help build a campaign that is more tailored to the younger population.

The Health Department will also be focusing on the population eligible for a booster. These grants help support both efforts – new outreach and additional doses.

Acting President Steward added that minority populations are just as willing to take the vaccine if there is access and if there is connectivity with the health care system. Engaging in partnerships with trusted partners is a key part because government coming in and telling historically underserved populations that they are here to save them, is greeted with skepticism.

Councilwoman Wollert said that she understands the need for new outreach and the need to use trusted partners. Have neighborhoods been identified? That is the most direct way to reach someone – to reach out to those in the neighborhood who are known and can convince or at least approach others to get vaccinated so there is not a backlash of the government telling them what to do. Are students at the College of New Jersey included in the Township numbers?

The Health Officer stated that the State breaks it down by zip code. That is another caveat Ewing faces since zip codes are shared with another municipality. Getting that local data...there are HIPAA regulations. It is sometimes difficult to find where the hot spots are, but they do have suspicions where better outreach is needed. One thing that they did learn is to pivot from larger scale vaccination clinics to the micro clinics. These grants will give them the opportunity to focus on this.

The Administrator added that the college students do not officially live in Ewing, so Ewing does not get credit for those vaccinations.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney asked what will the coordinator be doing besides outreach? The Health Officer said that the first grant which is called the Vaccine Supplemental, \$50,000 for the first year, will allow for the purchase of supplies and basic equipment for the vaccine clinics. The other grant, for some \$291,000, allows the Department to get additional help and pay for overtime. It is a temporary grant. One year for right now but it is anticipated that there will be funding for the next year.

Mayor Steinmann said that towns get vaccination credit by zip code. They have been vaccinating students at the College of New Jersey but if they give their home zip code, it is not counted here. Ewing is undercounted – miss between 300 to 500 students - that got their shot but are credited to their hometown. Also, for the reverse 911 call, they want to enlist people of prominence in the Town – to have them record a message. Hopefully, that will work. Acting President Steward commented that reverse calls are the worse way to try to reach unvaccinated young people.

The Board of Health, the Administrator, and the Health Officer discussed ways to reach young adults, primarily partnering with the College.

The Health Officer said that she is excited for these two grants; to be able to get Ewing's numbers up.

Ms. Reed mentioned that the Township is at a point where some of the schools are experiencing outbreaks to where they are now quarantining entire classrooms. Other school districts in Mercer have experienced or are experiencing the same thing. They are not at the point of shutting anything down. They are in constant contact with the State Department of Health. There is some connection with afterschool athletics. They are working on quarantining an afterschool athletics program which may reach more than one school.

Councilwoman Wollert asked if the quarantine extends to the older students whether they are vaccinated or not.

Ms. Reed replied that only those twelve and up can be vaccinated, so right now it is the younger population who seem to be having an issue. Only the unvaccinated need to be quarantined at this time.

At the request of the Acting President, the Health Officer gave the dates for the upcoming flu clinics.

Ms. Reed mentioned that at the last rabies clinic held on September 13th, fifty-seven dogs and twenty-three cats were vaccinated. It was a drive-thru, which went well.

Councilman Baxter asked if those who got Moderna should wait for the Moderna booster to come out or is the third booster open to anyone.

Ms. Reed replied that right now it is only Pfizer. It is anticipated that Moderna will be approved.

Councilman Baxter asked if there should be a waiting period between getting the flu shot and getting the third booster.

The Health Officer replied - not at this time.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney asked if these grants need Council or Board of Health approval.

The Administrator said that that had already been done.

Ms. Reed added that the grants have already been awarded.

The Administrator added that the challenge is to get qualified folks.

The Health Officer added that it is struggle to find qualified individuals as every other local health department, state health department are vying for those individuals with public health or nursing backgrounds.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Board of Health.

STATEMENTS & COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no statements and comments from the Public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Acting President Steward asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Baxter so moved seconded by Ms. Keyes-Maloney. It was agreed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Sarah Steward, Acting President

Susan Bate, Deputy Municipal Clerk

(This Meeting was Held In-Person & via Zoom due to COVID-19)

BOARD OF HEALTH

February 22, 2022

President Steward called the Board of Health meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Baxter - Present

Kristen Reed, Health Officer (via Zoom)

Ms. Keyes-Maloney – Present

Kim J. Macellaro, Municipal Clerk

Mr. Schroth – Absent

Ms. Wollert – Present

President Steward – Present

The Clerk stated for the record that Mr. Schroth will be absent this evening.

President Steward introduced the Township's Health Officer, Kristen Reed.

REPORT OF HEALTH OFFICER

Kristen Reed (Health Officer) reported on the Board of Health Statistics for January 2022.

Ms. Reed reviewed the Environmental Reports.

There were no questions or comments from the Board of Health.

Ms. Reed discussed Vital Statistics.

There were no questions or comments from the Board of Health.

Ms. Reed discussed the Animal Control Statistics. One animal tested positive for rabies.

At the request of the Council President, the Health Officer discussed the process when there is a positive rabies result.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Board of Health.

Ms. Reed reported some of the Nursing Statistics because not all were tabulated. She will provide the Board the complete set of numbers.

President Steward said that the immunization numbers do not include COVID vaccinations. The Health Officer replied that sometimes it does if the vaccine was given during one of the Department's child health care clinics or one of the vaccination clinics.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Board of Health.

NEW & OLD BUSINESS

Health Officer Reed said that the Township is looking to extend a shared service agreement with Mercer County for public health services. The request is for a one-year extension. It is on tonight's Council agenda.

President Steward asked the Health Officer if she has any concerns about extending this agreement.

Ms. Reed replied – no. Given the Department's current staffing levels, to have access to additional resources – not only for the Health Officer but also for REHS services, the Lead Inspector, the Health Educator, and public health nursing - is a great opportunity.

Council President Steward said that the Department is losing a staff member imminently.

Ms. Reed responded – correct.

President Steward said that the Childhood Lead Poisoning Agreement with the City of Trenton is also on tonight's agenda and then asked if that is working well.

Health Officer Reed said that the Township has asked for temporary REHS services to be added to the ongoing agreement. County inspectors were providing that service, however that individual has recently retired. So, while the County fills that position, the City of Trenton has been asked to temporarily provide coverage. Lead inspections consist of two portions, one is through nursing and the other is through an environmental lead inspection. The City of Trenton already provides the nursing services to most of the municipalities in Mercer County through a MOU and a grant. They generally do not provide REHS services. This is temporary coverage while the County backfills that position.

Ms. Reed said that shortly the Department is going to lose its REHS inspector. The position has been advertised. An offer has been made to a potential candidate who is qualified and has experience. They are awaiting a start date. They are also moving forward with hiring someone part-time to provide emergency coverage and services. That agreement will be with that individual through the Township. There will be continued services through the County while the Township looks for a second full-time individual to back-fill the second open position.

The Health Officer said that she received news last week that the grant funding for the Department's two COVID positions has been renewed for another year. There are no deliverables yet. She will sign the letter of intent as it has a requested by date of tomorrow. When she gets the deliverables, she will share them with the Board. For one of the grants the funding should be about the same, for the other – funding is not yet known. This funding will not only buy supplies for COVID vaccination clinics, but also will support overtime.

Council President Steward asked how is the public outreach, which is paid for with State funding, going?

Ms. Reed said that they meet weekly. Last week, was the first week getting the two individuals from the Trenton Health Team out to a clinic. In the next week or two, they will be at additional clinics to, hopefully, get ideas for a more targeted outreach to 18–29-year-olds, and areas of Ewing with lower vaccination rates. They have also been making a lot of phone calls to faith-based communities to inquire if they are willing to host a vaccination clinic.

Vice President Wollert asked if the Trenton Health Team is looking in other directions besides the faith-based communities.

Ms. Reed said that they have a tool at their disposal which comes out either weekly or biweekly that generates an age range and a zip code breakdown so, they do know the areas of Ewing with lower vaccine rates. Once they get through the key stake holders, they will reach out to those communities with lower vaccine rates. It may involve boots on the ground – going to businesses to ask if they are willing to host a vaccination clinic or ask if they had any employees who wanted to be vaccinated. It might be the time to go into the communities to do smaller pop-ups instead of the large vaccination clinics.

President Steward commented that a challenge is that those 18–29-year-olds are not going to be in those same communities.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney suggested that the Department inform residents about the great, non-COVID, resources and events provided by the Greater Mercer County Public Health Partnership.

Ms. Reed said that they are a wealth of knowledge. Since the larger clinics are now done, and things have slowed down, they can run smaller clinics and get out into the Community to do events.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney said that the challenge is, because of COVID, some residents let their other health needs go. There is a need to encourage basic screenings.

Ms. Reed said as they are moving away from a pandemic response to an endemic response, they can add COVID to their other existing services and health education outreach.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney thanked the Health Officer for all the work she does.

Councilman Baxter asked Ms. Reed if she has connected with Director Forst. The 18–29-year-olds are more apt to attend recreational sporting events.

Ms. Reed responded – certainly.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Board of Health.

STATEMENTS & COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Victoria Mark (9 Patton Drive) thanked Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney for bringing up the idea of health programs for seniors. It is a great idea.

Ms. Mark said, in terms of tracking COVID and its side-effects on children, it does not appear there that there are any statistics.

The Council President explained that the numbers reported earlier tonight only involve the work of the Township's Health Department. The State gathers information on vaccinations and could break it down.

Ms. Mark said that she had suggested tracking the children to see how they were doing after getting a COVID vaccination because it is known that there are side-effects. Is the Township going to do that?

The Council President responded that individual health departments do not have the resources to track all that; that is why the State does it. Also, an individual department would not have a large enough sample size to see trends.

The Health Officer added that the Health Department only needs to be aware if that child had any direct reactions to the vaccine.

Ms. Mark said so the child is only kept for fifteen minutes, the Department does not track what happens fifteen months after the child is given the COVID vaccine.

Ms. Mark asked if consent is an informed consent – are parents made aware of the possible side-effects before they get their kids inoculated.

The Health Officer responded that it is a consent form. No additional information is provided other than what is current. A parent would need to do research themselves or speak with their pediatrician who has the child's entire health record.

President Steward said that parents are given a standard consent form which had been approved by the FDA.

Ms. Mark stated that she has seen that form, no information is given about the possible side-effects.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney said that it lists the common side-effects not dissimilar to what is seen for regular pharmacy notice.

Ms. Mark asked why there is a difference in the child inoculation numbers listed in the Department's report.

The Council President explained that one is the number of children inoculated and the other number is the number of inoculations given. Children can be given more than one vaccine at a time.

Ms. Mark asked where the two hot tubs mentioned in the reports are located.

The Board did not know off-hand and the Health Director suggested that Ms. Mark contact the Health Department. The Board speculated that it could be at one of the hotels or at a rehab office.

There were no additional statements and comments from the Public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Steward asked for a motion to adjourn. Vice President Wollert so moved seconded by Mr. Baxter. It was agreed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Sarah Steward, President

Kim J. Macellaro, Municipal Clerk

(This Meeting was Held In-Person & via Zoom due to COVID-19)

BOARD OF HEALTH

March 22, 2022

President Steward called the Board of Health meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

PRESENT

Mr. Baxter

Ms. Keyes-Maloney

Mr. Schroth

President Steward

Kristen Reed, Health Officer

Susan Bate, Deputy Municipal Clerk

President Steward introduced the Township's Health Officer, Kristen Reed.

REPORT OF HEALTH OFFICER

Kristen Reed (Health Officer) reported on the Board of Health Statistics for February 2022.

Ms. Reed reviewed the Environmental Reports.

There were no questions or comments from the Board of Health.

Ms. Reed reported the Nursing Statistics.

President Steward said that they see March numbers – perhaps that is to-date.

Ms. Reed said that she reports the previous month's numbers to the Board because the current month might not be complete.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Board of Health.

Ms. Reed discussed the Animal Control Statistics.

The Council President asked if the new vendor for deer carcass pick-ups has been more responsive.

The Health Officer replied that the other vendor was logistically not able to get to the Township's calls quickly. Lately, it has not been too much of an issue. It is also seasonal – when it is the rutting season...and multiple deer get hit, they get backed up. Generally, they are coming within the response time-period. They are fulfilling their contractual requirement. It has been pretty good.

Councilman Schroth asked what is the response time-period?

The Health Officer responded that she will need to get back to the Board on that...

Councilman Baxter added that he believes it is three days.

President Steward said that the Administrator is saying three days.

Ms. Reed said that they are rather quick. With the old vendor, it could be a week before they came. There have not been any complaints.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Board of Health.

Ms. Reed discussed Vital Statistics.

There were no questions or comments from the Board of Health.

Victoria Mark (9 Patton Drive) said regarding school-age immunization, those numbers are for January, February, and March – are these kids just being immunized and they are in school, or they just got here, and they are being immunized to get into school?

Ms. Reed replied that it is typically a variety – some are coming with no immunization records.

Ms. Mark asked where are they coming from?

Ms. Reed responded that she cannot tell Ms. Mark that because of HIPAA regulations.

President Steward said that some come due for vaccinations as they get older. They do check before they go to school, but some just fall behind...

Ms. Reed added that sometimes they transfer from other areas, other states...

Ms. Mark said, so none of these are illegal people. They are all documented American citizens.

Council President Steward said that they would not know that information. You do not need to be an American citizen to attend public school in New Jersey. Immigration status is not checked. This makes sure that the children have the immunizations that they need. The legal status of their parents is irrelevant because it is about keeping kids safe. Immigration status is not checked one bit when it comes down to public health.

Ms. Mark commented – that is interesting.

President Steward added that public schools are open to all children regardless of immigration status.

Ms. Mark commented about how everybody is talking about the limousine service that is going on at Antheil.

President Steward responded that Ms. Mark should speak to the Board of Education about that; she suspects that there are some misconceptions.

Ms. Mark said so that is the same for the adults listed here – no idea who they are. They just need to be immunized or is it COVID?

Ms. Reed replied that some of that is COVID.

Ms. Mark commented but some have transferred and are not immunized.

Ms. Reed responded – correct.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney added that the Department of Health also has an obligation to visit pre-schools. Some of it relates to record keeping. They find that a kid missed a booster...it sometimes happens.

Ms. Reed added that it is part of the school audit.

Ms. Mark said that if she contacted the school district, they will be able to provide that information.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney replied most likely they would not be able to share specifics on individual children.

Ms. Mark responded that she does not want that, she wants a count like what they do for race, etc.

President Steward said that schools would not know immigration status. It is not a requirement to attend public schools in New Jersey. They would not even have that information.

Ms. Mark suggested that a key or legend be added to these statistics as she does not know what some of these terms mean, for instance, what is EDRS?

At the request of the Council President, the Deputy Clerk responded – it is the Electronic Death Registration System.

Ms. Mark asked, regarding food establishments, what are risk levels?

The Health Officer explained that that is how they rate the facilities. A gas station that sells pre-packaged goods is rated at a different risk than a restaurant that is a full prep from raw food.

President Steward added that there are different requirements depending on the risk level.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Public.

NEW BUSINESS

Health Officer Reed discussed New Jersey's Lead Safe Certification Law which will go into effect July 2022. She shared it early so they can begin to discuss how the Township wants to address it. Earlier, she spoke with both the Business Administrator and the Construction Official to begin discussions. This will be a work-load burden with the initial implementation of the law and then ongoing. Procedures will need to be established. Currently, the Health Department does not have a lead certified inspector in-house. They are subcontracting out. But they will ask incoming REHS's to become certified. They will need to get experience. It will need to be managed amongst all their other responsibilities.

President Steward explained, for the benefit of those who have not heard about this, that rentals, in buildings that meet certain criteria, will need a lead-safe certification. This will, she assumes, tie-in to the existing rental registration process. Is it an annual certification or one-time...good for a certain time...?

Ms. Reed responded – two years. It will be the initial certification prior to the regulation beginning July 2022. It targets all pre-1978 housing. If landlords are proactive, they can hire their own lead certificate company. The Town will need to figure out how to manage those that do not get their own certificate. After the initial certification, it will be an on-going process every two years. The Town will need to keep up with this. Something will need to be put in place.

Councilman Baxter suggested that the Township have a pre-approved list of companies that the Township knows are certified lead inspectors to prevent landlords from using phony certificates or use a company that the Township does not think does a good enough job. There need to be parameters if the Township is not going to do this in-house.

President Steward said that these companies are certified by DCA.

Health Officer Reed said that they can link directly to this list of lead remediation and abatement companies, but the Town needs to be careful not to promote one company over another.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney suggested that this list be included as part of the annual rental registration process correspondence.

The Administrator (via Zoom) said that the new health inspector and the other one that is going to be hired are both lead certified. He spoke with the Health Officer earlier and there is a meeting scheduled with the Construction Official because two inspectors there should be certified as well. There is a shared service with Trenton for emergency lead. It will be addressed, whether individuals get certified or.... but understand all municipalities in New Jersey need to meet this same certification. There are many rental properties in Ewing.

President Steward said that as part of the annual rental registration process, someone from Construction visits those properties.

The Administrator replied – correct. A minimum of once a year or change of tenant, but they still need to be certified.

President Steward added that the greatest challenge will be to get everyone in that first time. Ms. Reed said that it is the initial July 2022 and then every two years for recertification. There are options - whether the Township offers it in-house for a fee or the landlord provides the Township the correct certification.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Board of Health.

Victoria Mark (9 Patton Drive) asked if this includes nursing homes and assisted-living facilities.

Ms. Reed replied – not at this time under this definition. Ms. Reed then read the exemptions from these requirements. It is structured to be rentals. They are trying to address a lot of the landlord/tenant issues.

President Steward added that congregant living is not counted as residential under the building code. If the unit can be certified as free from lead-based paint, it will be off the list permanently. It will be in the Township's interest to identify as many of those as possible because it will cut the list down.

Ms. Mark asked if this is going to be extended to private homes once rentals are under control.

President Steward replied that that is not in the law currently.

Ms. Reed added – only if you are renting it out.

Ms. Mark commented that there are many older houses in the Township with kids living in them.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney said that there are already existing practices for children identified as having lead issues. If a school district notices an issue, they will notify the Department of Health who will discuss it with the homeowner - there is a remediation process.

Ms. Mark asked who makes that identification?

The Councilwoman replied – it could be different people depending on the circumstances.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Public.

President Steward commented that although she recognizes the burden to the Town, she is excited for the identification of these units because a lot of renters have been taken advantaged of and living in units which are unsafe for their children.

Ms. Reed provided an example the Department is working on now. A child in a rented home who previously did not have a high level, just came up with a very high blood level. The child, before, was an infant, but is now mobile and picking up lead hazards. It goes quickly from not a problem to a problem, so this law is probably a good thing to have.

The Health Officer added that she will keep the Board updated.

There were no additional comments.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Reed said that a new REHS inspector started yesterday, another candidate will be brought on board quickly, and they will set-up a schedule with a part-time candidate shortly. That will bring the Department up to speed with two full-time and one part-time inspector plus whatever emergency coverage service that may be needed from the County. They will make sure these inspectors are lead certified if they are not already. Also, in the June/July timeframe that will be an opening for a full-time nurse.

Councilman Schroth asked about the latest on the new COVID variant – Ba2.

Health Officer Reed said that they are waiting to see if they get a slight increase. They are also waiting to see if there is an increase with Spring Break. Case count seems to be relatively static in Mercer County and Ewing cases have been consistently low. Mercer County was listed as Low in last Thursday's CALI Score except for one municipality, not Ewing Township. It lags a week behind. This week's score will give an idea of where the municipality will be with Spring Break. She is hoping the Township will consistently be Low to Moderate Low; she does not anticipate Moderate or Moderate High.

The Health Officer mentioned that the Department is continuing to offer at-home COVID vaccinations for the home-bound, vaccination clinics for adults and children, and outreach. The Department is also applying for the second year of the Vaccination Strengthening Grant through the State Department of Health and the Vaccination Supplemental Grant which will provide funding for vaccination supplies for the clinics and for some additional support for staffing.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Board of Health.

STATEMENTS & COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Victoria Mark (9 Patton Drive) asked about activities, health programs, and outreach other than COVID, for Seniors or for people with disabilities.

Ms. Reed said – sure, and asked Ms. Mark to contact her to discuss what she would like to see offered.

There were no additional statements and comments from the Public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Steward asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Schroth so moved seconded by Ms. Keyes-Maloney. It was agreed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Sarah Steward, President

Susan Bate, Deputy Municipal Clerk

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
April 26, 2022 – 6:00 PM

President Steward called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm and asked the Clerk to call the roll.

ROLL CALL

- Mr. Baxter – arrived 6:07 p.m.
- Ms. Keyes-Maloney – Present Kristen Reed – Health Officer
- Mr. Schroth – Present Kim Macellaro, Municipal Clerk
- Ms. Wollert – Present
- President Steward – Present via zoom

President Steward welcomed Health Officer Kristen Reed.

REPORT OF HEALTH OFFICER

Report from the Health Officer – Ms. Reed went over Environmental, Nursing, Vital Statistics and Animal Control for the month of March, 2022.

Ms. Reed asked if there were any questions under the Environmental section of the report. There were none. Ms. Reed asked if there were any questions under the Vital Statistics section of the report. There were none. She asked if there were any questions under the Animal Control portion of the report. Ms. Keyes-Maloney asked why there were so many dogs running at large (26). Ms. Reed said it is spring. She said she will check into it for sure, but she doesn't think it was any one particular set of animals, which they have seen before. President Steward asked that now that we have two animal control officers, do we actually expect some of these numbers to go up because we will have more capacity to follow up or is it just a matter of distributing the workload. Ms. Reed said the distribution of the workload is happening now. We do have one animal control officer who has been out for a little bit. Haven't the second animal control office is critical. She further said that it helps after hours and it is possible that now that we have two animal control officers, we are able to get out to complaints a little quicker. We are getting a little bit better response time. Councilman Schroth asked what the nature of the agricultural animal complaint is. Ms. Reed said she will follow up on that one but is pretty sure it was a wildlife animal – she thinks it was a duck. Ms. Reed continued by giving the Nursing report. She said in the month of March there were 47 clinic based medical visits, there were 21 unduplicated individuals who received clinic based medical services and we had 60 school aged children immunizations given. The number of adults immunized was 5. She further stated that there were 6 visits for tuberculosis in the month of March. Ms. Reed asked if there were any questions regarding nursing for the month of March. There were none. She went on to give the Vital Statistics report. She asked if there were any questions for the month of March on Vital Statistics.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Reed updated Council on the rabies dates. Our first is May 9th – a drive through rabies clinic. She updated Councilman Baxter who had previously asked about the flu clinics at the last meeting. We have not yet scheduled our flu clinics, but we are working on it. We have completed our reimbursements back from our party vendor and we have received those funds back from last years flu. We have continued with our Covid clinics and are continuing with the child health clinics and also continuing with scheduling individuals for Covid vaccinations on site. Ms. Reed said that she has seen some individuals come down with Covid that are already vaccinated. She suggested that we keep encouraging residents to get fully vaccinated and boosters. She also said that employees should reach out to the Health Department if they want to get vaccinated and / or get their booster shots. Ms. Keyes-Maloney asked for clarification – anyone with an underlying health condition under 50 is eligible to get the 2nd booster – has that changed. Ms. Kristen Reed recommended that they speak with their healthcare professional because sometimes the underlying medical conditions need to be reviewed. Ms. Keyes-Maloney said that there are ample places that they can go for their boosters. Ms. Reed pointed out that if there are any Ewing Township employees that are looking to get their vaccinations, please reach out to the Health Dept. Ms. Keyes-Maloney asked about reimbursement for a whole host of things, including vaccinations through Horizon and I will be reaching out to the department to see if I can shake the tree out to see if we can get reimbursement. Ms. Kristen Reed said we got our full reimbursement back from last year for the flu clinic and we are just applying for next years grant that we had this year for the Covid – Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity. Once we get to the point that it is accepted by the State, we will put that through the process. President Steward asked about the partnership with the Trenton Health Team and wanted to know could they attend the next Board of Health meeting to talk to us about their plans. Ms. Reed said that would be great and that she participated in the listening at Ujima Church and had a nice turnout and had an assessment in some of the areas for improvement and some for success. It was a very nice open candid conversation, and she knows the Trenton Health Team are still working on putting together the results of that meeting. They can present to the Board at the next meeting. Ms. Reed said she attended as a Ewing Township resident. We are hoping with the new grant, if it is accepted by the State, that we can continue our collaboration with the Trenton Health Team. Ms. Reed said that this was kind of a pilot test but thinks it should still continue as there is a lot of new information that came out of it. She wants them to continue reaching out to the community.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Reed said that she pulled out her notes from 2019 when we actually went over our standard of keeping chickens. We considered cleaning up our ordinance a little bit. We need to start to talk about that a little bit again. She asked the attorney to give us an idea of what we have and what we don't have. Maeve Cannon said that right now the chickens are only regulated indirectly through our Land Use Ordinance which provides that a farm is defined as 5 contiguous acres on which agricultural uses and the raising of animals for agricultural purposes are used. Under our Ordinances we use the common usage of terms as otherwise defined and under State Statue poultry is considered an agricultural use as opposed to a pet. Pigs are a gray area because pigs

are sometimes pets and sometimes agricultural. So, she continued, at this point the Township is in a position that unless you have 5 contiguous acres, you can't raise chickens. But apparently there are a lot of people raising chickens. The Construction office would like to see something a little clearer that they can point to showing chickens are not permitted. Obviously, roosters would be easily regulated because they are so loud. We have a noise ordinance that specifically relates to animals that are noisy. But chickens are probably less noisy. She further said that Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney sent her an email saying that we need to address this again. Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney said that punt intended, they have come home to roost. She said to clarify what is permissible and not permissible needs to happen. She said that other towns in our area have explored the option of chickens and maybe we could learn from them. President Steward asked about feedback that the health officer has received on this. Ms. Reed said that they have received some inquiries and between the Health Department and Animal Control that they are responding to. We have addressed their complaints and do not have a broad policy so it is hard to say that they can't have chickens or roosters or fowl, because ducks are another thing. Ms. Reed said that property owners are generally compliant when we go to do the investigation. Our current ordinance doesn't tell you no and doesn't tell you yes. We need to be clear. Our residents need clarity. Attorney Cannon said that it forces the health department to rely on the nuisance ordinance and it is an issue that has come up multiple times. Ms. Keyes-Maloney said to the Council President that she would be happy to dust off what we have circulated before and re-circulate to Council and the Attorney. Councilman Baxter said that he was a little confused by this because under the land use ordinance he thought it was covered that if you had under 5 acres you couldn't have chickens. He further stated that he wouldn't want to see chickens in the town, specifically next to me in my neighbor's backyard, unless they have 5 contiguous acres. Attorney Cannon said that the Clerk has just handed me some Ordinances from surrounding areas and the real concern is that the Land Use Code doesn't say chickens. It just says animals and the raising of farm animals. Calling out chickens specifically would be helpful. Ms. Reed said that there have been complaints about pigs too and found in one case that it was a therapy pig. Attorney Cannon said that service animals are absolutely covered under the ADA because they are necessary for the owner. She is not aware of service pigs. A service animal is an animal specifically trained to do a specific task to aid the owner in the performance of a life function because of a disability. Emotional support animals are not part of the ADA. They are two very distinct classes and very different protection under the law.

Kristen Reed said that she has had a request to start a conversation about the consideration in Ewing Township – we do have currently one facility right now that slaughters live poultry – and there is a request for expanding operations to allow the slaughter and processing of additional animals such as lambs and goats. Ms. Keyes-Maloney asked if it is the same location that has historically been a slaughter place for poultry or is it a different site. Ms. Reed said that she has three options – expanding the current location, building a new location or moving into a new location. Ms. Keyes-Maloney asked if they are willing to make any accommodations to the location to ensure health and safety standards and she asked what those health and safety standards are. Ms. Reed said that there are standards at the state level for slaughter and processing and also FDA regulations but the local inclusion of whether we will permit the facility to expand operations to include the larger to mid-size animals. President Steward said

that this is a fairly new for us that we established a few years ago and has the existing businesses remained in compliance over the last several years. Ms. Reed said that health has routinely inspected them and like any retail food establishment they have had their violations and opportunity to correct those violations. President Steward said that we would need to explore their history of compliancy before we consider any further extension of that. Attorney Cannon said that we did opt to do a slaughterhouse ordinance two years ago and the animals that are permitted under the ordinance are poultry, rabbits, goats and sheep that are raised for human consumption. The animals that are not permitted are cows, swine, deer and anything really big. In an email that I saw from the health officer, the gentlemen wants to branch out into lambs and goats, which would be permitted under the ordinance but also eventually swine and cattle which are absolutely not permitted under the ordinance. In addition to the state requirements, in terms of the separation of the animals and how they have to be stored, there are all kinds of specific requirements in our ordinance. The first should be whether they can accommodate the requirements of the ordinance if they are considering different species. Ms. Reed said that the existing facility started this plan several years ago to expand out and add on the lambs and goats and they did run into some problems being able to comply with what is in the regulations about the separation and the kind of steps that you need to follow through with the animal between the beginning and kind of the end. She further said that she doesn't think the existing facility is fitted to handle these new animals. President Steward said that the animals that they want to add are currently in the existing ordinance, but they can't have them because they don't meet the requirements. Ms. Reed said correct, yes. President Steward said that we have already laid out what would make it permissible on the small animals. To the extent that they can conform with what we stated on the existing ordinance, that is sort of on them if they can comply with the requirements and regulations. Ms. Keyes-Maloney asked if they are asking us to modify the ordinance. President Steward said that they want to slaughter animals that we don't currently allow. Ms. Keyes-Maloney asked if they are seeking any type of legal change beyond the subset. Ms. Reed responded that initially they were seeking a modification in the existing location and after trying to, between construction and zoning, retrofit the current location, there is not an ability to comply. Attorney Cannon said to remember that it is only one license per zone. Ms. Keyes-Maloney suggested that we reach out to the entity to get clarification of their requests. Councilman Baxter asked if they wholesale to the public or do they distribute to other vendors. Ms. Reed responded that they sell to the public and local vendors. He asked if they are finding an increase in the need of these new types of animals. Ms. Reed said that they started out with the small fowl and their business grew and they are getting requests from their current customers to add lambs and goats.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marisa Henderson (102 Woodland Avenue) asked why chickens are such a problem. She said that she grew up on a farm most of her life. She would rather hear chickens than 3 or 4 dogs barking. People who raise chickens, raise them very neatly because obviously they have to go pick up the eggs and if their chickens get sick, they don't have eggs. She said we can jam houses on top of each other, but you can't have chickens. She said that she has chickens near her home now and doesn't smell anything and doesn't hear anything. She said that maybe we should limit it to four chickens per

household. President Steward commented that she agreed and part of what we are trying to do is get clarity. We do regulate all sorts of animals. Ms. Henderson said that instead of saying no, come up with some solution. She asked Council to respectfully think about the chicken situation.

Victoria Mark (9 Patton Drive) asked about doing things with the seniors. Has there been any free programming that we came up with. The Senior Center are to provide to the Seniors – diabetes, health, Alzheimer’s - prevention and workshops for them for free. Ms. Reed said that we are not meeting in person until June, and we are actually back on their schedule to meet with the senior staff. She further said that once we are back in person, we will be able to start running the senior clubs again. Ms. Mark said why does it have to be the clubs; she was thinking broadly in general to the senior population and the health department. President Steward told her to make her suggestions and we will take them back to Ted Forst for consideration. There were no more comments.

President Steward thanked Ms. Reed for her report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Steward asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Keyes-Maloney so moved, seconded by Mr. Schroth. The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm.

Sarah Steward, President

Kim Macellaro, Municipal Clerk

(This Meeting was Held In-Person & via Zoom due to COVID-19)

BOARD OF HEALTH

May 24, 2022

President Steward called the Board of Health meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

**Mr. Baxter - Present
Ms. Keyes-Maloney – Present
Mr. Schroth – Present
Ms. Wollert – 6:07 p.m.
President Steward – Present**

**Kristen Reed, Health Officer
Kim J. Macellaro, Municipal Clerk**

President Steward introduced the Township's Health Officer, Kristen Reed.

REPORT OF HEALTH OFFICER

Kristen Reed (Health Officer) reported on the Board of Health Statistics for April 2022.

Ms. Reed discussed the Animal Control Statistics.

At the request of Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney, the Health Officer said that she will recirculate the flyer, so residents are cognizant of the Ordinance to not leave dogs in the car or in backyards.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Board of Health.

Ms. Reed reviewed the Environmental Reports.

There were no questions or comments from the Board of Health.

Ms. Reed reported the Nursing Statistics.

President Steward said that on the immunization front, there has been a lot in the news about children being behind in their immunizations. Has that been reflected in the audits of the childcare facilities?

Ms. Reed said that the childcare facilities were completed last month. The nurses indicated that the schools were pretty good with the audit records. She is not sure that children falling behind with their vaccinations is something experienced in Ewing Township. Vaccinations are still offered in the Department's child health clinics, including COVID for those children who are eligible.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Board of Health.

Ms. Reed discussed Vital Statistics.

There were no questions or comments from the Board of Health.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

The Health Officer said that the first rabies vaccination clinic was held on May 9th. She does not have the numbers yet. Two upcoming clinics will be held on June 11th from 9-11 a.m. and September 19th from 5-7 p.m. Both will be drive-thru vaccination clinics here at the Municipal Building. The drive-thru clinics seem to be working well.

Health Officer Reed said that last meeting there was a question about the summonses issued for Animal Control. The two summonses issued for April 2022 were both running-at-large. One was also unlicensed.

At the request of Councilman Baxter, the Health Officer repeated the rabies vaccination clinic information.

Ms. Reed said that the Health Department is continuing to offer seniors and home bound residents home-based vaccinations. They just need to call the Health Department for an appointment. They are continuing to vaccinate children at their child healthcare clinics and will accommodate any individuals who wish to be vaccinated. It has slowed down at the larger vaccination clinics, so to be resource mindful, the Department will continue to offer the vaccinations on site by appointment. If the demand rises, they are open to coordinating with partners to organize clinics.

The Health Department has reapplied for the two grants received last year – the Strengthening Grant which allows the Department to get additional support and the Vaccination Supplemental Funding Grant.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney thanked the Health Officer and her staff for their efforts in complying information for Sustainable Jersey certification.

Councilman Baxter said that at the last meeting, they discussed the gentleman who wanted to expand his facility and then asked the Health Officer if there are any updates.

Ms. Reed said that the outstanding violations are not retail food related. However, the facility is due for their yearly inspection. The Department has also received plans for the purchase of a new property. They are reviewing them now. Counsel indicated, that if there is an expansion from fowl, it is currently approved for just lambs and goats, nothing larger at this time. She will relay that information because that is something the owner is looking to consider at their proposed new location.

Councilman Baxter asked that the Health Department be more cognizant of the outside appearance of a facility when they do their inspections. He would like them to note it and mention it to the owner. It is a pet peeve of his – he goes to these restaurants and there is trash out in the parking lot. He spoke with the Business Administrator and will be mentioning it to Code Enforcement.

Councilman Schroth asked if the State Health Department has provided any guidance on monkeypox.

Ms. Reed said that she does have some updated information that she will share with the Board.

Councilman Baxter asked if the Health Officer knew when the County was going to spray for mosquitos in Ewing Township.

Health Officer Reed replied that she had not yet heard, but she will ask. They are good about relaying their schedule, but it is usually not until they are ready to go out.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney asked that her fellow Board members complete their Board of Health training. It takes about thirty minutes and is helpful for Sustainable New Jersey. Councilman Baxter committed to doing the training.

The Council President asked the Health Officer to set up an opportunity for the Board to speak with the Trenton Health Team about their outreach work as they have been on the ground for a couple months now.

Ms. Reed said that they are starting to build additional outreach. Over the last month, the ideas and plans to reach out are starting to grow. It takes time to get up and running. It will continue into next year's grant which starts July 1st so there will be the opportunity to continue planning.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Board of Health.

STATEMENTS & COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no statements and comments from the Public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Steward asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Schroth so moved seconded by Mr. Baxter. It was agreed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Sarah Steward, President

Kim J. Macellaro, Municipal Clerk

(This Meeting was Held In-Person & via Zoom due to COVID-19)

BOARD OF HEALTH

June 28, 2022

President Steward called the Board of Health meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Baxter - Present

Kristen Reed, Health Officer

Ms. Keyes-Maloney – Present

Kim J. Macellaro, Municipal Clerk

Mr. Schroth – Present

Ms. Wollert – Present

President Steward – via Zoom

President Steward introduced the Township’s Health Officer, Kristen Reed.

REPORT OF HEALTH OFFICER

Kristen Reed (Health Officer) reported on the Board of Health Statistics for May 2022.

Ms. Reed discussed the Animal Control Statistics. There was one rabies vaccination clinic - sixty-three dogs and eleven cats were vaccinated. One animal tested positive for rabies.

There were no questions or comments from the Board of Health.

Ms. Reed reviewed the Environmental Reports.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney asked how many wells are still left in the Township.

Ms. Reed said that it is limited. The Health Department handles what are called private wells. There are other wells in Ewing that serve larger populations; some of those may not be for drinking water; they may be for irrigation. Ms. Reed said that she can put together a more comprehensive list for potable wells – residential, commercial, and irrigation.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney said that it is her understanding that on the personal homeowner front, it is becoming less and less. But it is great that the Department still does inspections.

The Health Officer said that there is still a testing requirement under the Private Well Testing Act if a property (or a rental property) is being transferred so the new occupant is aware of what is within the water system.

Councilman Baxter asked what signifies a Level One Risk Level versus a Level Two or a Level Three.

Ms. Reed explained that it is the type of food handling that they do – the difference between a convenience store selling pre-packaged foods versus a facility that is doing raw seafood.

There is a difference in risk level based on food preparation and hazards contained within those foods and the food exposures. They are categorized within their risk level. There is also something called specialized processing which is evaluated a little differently – sushi, canning – any type of specific preparation like that.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Board of Health.

Ms. Reed provided a partial report for Nursing. The complete report was not available. She will give the Board an update on the entire Report later.

President Steward asked if the numbers include the COVID vaccination.

Ms. Reed replied that it does include COVID if they came during the Department's child health clinics. The Department is still offering home-based medical visits and providing COVID vaccinations for the home bound.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Board of Health.

Ms. Reed discussed Vital Statistics.

There were no questions or comments from the Board of Health.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Schroth asked for an update on monkeypox.

The Health Officer said that currently there are no known cases in Mercer County. There are some known cases in New Jersey. Ms. Reed added that she spoke with another Health Department today about the steps that would need to be taken in the event any cases show in Ewing. Some of those processes are still being worked out with the State Department of Health. Responses are evolving so she is keeping updated on any information that would be needed. Right now, they are just isolating/quarantining, and doing case investigations and contact tracing like what was done for COVID cases. The next step is medication and treatment which health officials are working through now.

Councilman Schroth asked about state-wide reported cases.

Ms. Reed replied that she does not have the most recent numbers. There are a couple cases right now and some of those were being worked through in the last twenty-four hours.

In terms of geography, Mr. Schroth asked where are those cases located – a particular part of the State or spread out?

Ms. Reed replied that for the cases she knows may not have been released yet, they are rather dispersed.

Councilman Baxter thanked the Health Officer for answering his questions about the Mosquito Pest Control and being on top of it as they will be spraying throughout the Township shortly.

Ms. Reed said that as she gets notice from the County, she will be happy to share with the residents. Also, any concerns can be relayed to the Mercer County Mosquito Control

Commission. They can come out and make an assessment if that area needs to be treated or be considered as one of the monitoring stations.

At the request of the Council President, the Health Officer discussed how the Department plans to do outreach for COVID vaccinations for children under five-years old. It will be rolled into the child health clinic and trial tested the same as others will be doing. They are not sure what the demand will be. The County clinic on Thursday will give an idea as to what the demand may be in Ewing. Since COVID vaccination for this younger population was just recently approved, it takes time to set everything up. It is first approved by the CDC, then the State Department of Health, and then the Township physician must review and then issue a standing order. They also need to get the vaccine, get access to Benadryl and epinephrine and time to set up clinics. They are working on getting the final pieces in place to be able to announce clinics.

Councilman Baxter said that this will still require parental consent.

Ms. Reed responded – yes. That is another piece. Under five-years is not yet set-up in the State electronic tracking system, so it is a manual parental consent sign-off. It is part of the physician sign-off, to either wait until it is setup in the State system or do it manually.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Board of Health.

STATEMENTS & COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no statements and comments from the Public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Steward asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Baxter so moved seconded by Mr. Schroth. It was agreed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Sarah Steward, President

Kim J. Macellaro, Municipal Clerk

(This Meeting was Held In-Person & via Zoom due to COVID-19)

BOARD OF HEALTH

July 26, 2022

Acting President Wollert called the Board of Health meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

PRESENT

Mr. Baxter

Ms. Keyes-Maloney – via Zoom

Mr. Schroth

Acting President Wollert

Kristen Reed, Health Officer

Kim J. Macellaro, Municipal Clerk

Acting President Wollert introduced the Township's Health Officer, Kristen Reed.

REPORT OF HEALTH OFFICER

Kristen Reed (Health Officer) reported on the Board of Health Statistics for June 2022 – Animal Control, Environmental, Nursing, and Vital Statistics.

There were no questions or comments from the Board of Health or the Public.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Schroth asked for a monkeypox update.

Ms. Reed said that updates were posted on the website. There are cases in New Jersey but none currently in Ewing Township.

Mr. Schroth asked about Mercer County.

Ms. Reed said that she is only aware of those in Ewing Township which are zero at this time.

Acting President Wollert said although there are no cases in Ewing, it seems polio cases are creeping up a bit. Are children protected? Is it known how many families do not get their children any vaccinations?

Ms. Reed said that they typically do not vaccinate for polio since it has been kind of eradicated in the United States. Also, it has not been something traditionally done by local health departments. There is an ability to connect with State resources and local health care providers that have more familiarity. There is also the federally qualified health-care facility which is Henry J. Austin in the City of Trenton. Everyone is catching up on information having moved past COVID, to monkeypox, and now polio.

Acting President Wollert said monkeypox is related to smallpox and that was considered eradicated; children have not been vaccinated against that in some forty-five years.

It was eradicated because people got shots. It is something, with travel, with the relatedness of the diseases, that hopefully is being monitored.

The Clerk brought up lead-based rental inspections.

Ms. Reed said that there has been some discussion as to how this will be implemented in Ewing whether through Code Enforcement or the Health Department. A new State law just went into effect. It is a requirement that rental homes, built prior to 1978 with up to three units, need to be examined for lead-based hazards. The Township is considering adding this to the rental application process.

The Clerk added that the Township can be fined if it does not have something in place.

Ms. Reed discussed this further.

The Acting President said that it only covers rentals, not home sales.

Ms. Reed replied – correct.

Ms. Reed then discussed procedure – whether this will be by Ordinance or by Resolution and whether it will be housed in Code Enforcement or the Health Department. The thought is for Code Enforcement to do the initial investigation as part of the yearly rental inspection and if lead hazards are identified, it would then be switched to the Health Department.

The Acting President added that the law says municipalities must permit residents to hire their own lead inspector. Require instead of must permit would be a good idea on several fronts – then it would be the responsibility of the homeowner to provide that certification to the Town.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Board of Health.

STATEMENTS & COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Victoria Mark (9 Patton Drive) asked what is going on with COVID vaccinations – is it being enforced? Are people being forced to get it?

The Health Officer said that it always goes back to the Executive Orders from the State Department of Health and the Governor which currently fall back onto the high-risk population (healthcare providers - mandatory vaccinations) and back to employers and their policies. In general, vaccinations are still encouraged and available - initial up to third booster for any resident who wishes to get it.

Ms. Mark said that it is not mandatory for children to go to school.

Ms. Reed replied that that is dependent on the school and referred Ms. Mark to the Ewing School Board for any questions as it is their policy.

Ms. Mark asked, if someone is injured from getting the vaccine, where does that person go to get help.

Acting President Wollert replied that they go to their health provider. There is nothing at the Township.

Ms. Mark said that since Ewing Township is requiring the shot, is not Ewing liable if something happens? Can Ewing be sued?

Acting President Wollert said – no. It is not Ewing policy; Ewing is just following federal/state guidelines.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Acting President Wollert asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Schroth so moved seconded by Mr. Baxter. It was agreed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Kathleen Wollert, Acting President

Kim J. Macellaro, Municipal Clerk

(This Meeting was Held In-Person & via Zoom due to COVID-19)

BOARD OF HEALTH

September 27, 2022

President Steward called the Board of Health meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

PRESENT

**Mr. Baxter
Ms. Keyes-Maloney
Mr. Schroth
Ms. Wollert
President Steward**

**Kristen Reed, Health Officer
Kim J. Macellaro, Municipal Clerk**

President Steward introduced the Township's Health Officer, Kristen Reed.

REPORT OF HEALTH OFFICER

**Kristen Reed (Health Officer) reported on the Board of Health Statistics for August 2022.
Ms. Reed gave an overview of the Animal Control Statistics.**

There were no questions or comments from the Board of Health or the Public regarding Animal Control.

Ms. Reed provided an overview of the Environmental Reports.

President Steward said that the Board of Health did not meet last month. Were the summer camp inspections conducted in July?

Ms. Reed responded – yes. For summer camps, the Department only does one, a pre-operational inspection. Youth Camp operational inspections are conducted by the State Department of Health. Camps are unlike pools where the Township Health Department conducts a pre-operational inspection and a few operational inspections during the summer.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Board of Health. There were no questions or comments from the Public.

The Health Officer went over the Nursing Statistics.

Councilman Baxter asked what type of immunization – flu?

Ms. Reed responded since this was for the month of August, the Department had not yet conducted any flu clinics. For the adults, most were COVID. For the children, COVID and their routine back-to-school vaccinations.

Mr. Baxter asked if flu has started yet?

Ms. Reed replied that the Township's flu clinics begin October 19. The dates have been posted on the website. There will be four clinics – 3 adult and one child. The October 19th clinic is a drive-thru at West Trenton Volunteer Fire House. The next one is November 2nd at the Ewing Senior and Community Center and the final one, a drive-thru, is November 9th at West Trenton. The child-based clinic is October 25th at the Health Department.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Board of Health. There were no questions or comments from the Public.

Ms. Reed discussed Vital Statistics.

There were no questions or comments from the Board of Health or the Public.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Reed mentioned that if folks have any questions regarding the upcoming flu clinics, they can call the Health Department. For seniors and the homebound, they will again be giving flu shots by appointment. COVID vaccination clinics are continuing, and they are also offering monkeypox vaccinations. Most of that involves direct contact cases. They also can vaccinate those identified by the State Department of Health and those at high-risk. The last rabies clinic of the year was held on September 19th. Fifty-nine rabies vaccinations were given.

The Health Department received two hand-written letters from someone expressing concern about increasing diseases, communicable diseases, mask-wearing, and vaccinations. This will be shared with the Administration, so they are aware of the content of those letters. The individual did not indicate whether he/she is a resident of Ewing.

President Steward asked if there is an update on the work of the Trenton Health Team. What have been the deliverables and how is that relationship going?

Ms. Reed replied – good. The grant runs through June 2023. They just received an update to an assessment that was accepted this quarter. It will be shared. It is kind of a summary of current and future efforts and information regarding populations that had been vaccinated. The State Department of Health did accept it with the Department's last quarter progress report.

President Steward said that the Board appreciates getting those reports as they are submitted so the Board can help support the Trenton Health Team.

Council President Steward said that there had been e-mail traffic a month or so ago about some residences going in a natural botany landscape direction which the Ordinance does allow if first approved by the Board of Health. These incidences have been resolved. President Steward asked the Health Officer to give an overview of how these decisions are made.

Health Officer Reed replied that this case was received through a complaint which is typical in the Health Department for high grass/high weeds. Most of the time, it is just property maintenance, and the Department gets the owner to mow the property. In this case, the resident wanted to keep some natural landscaping. Most of it was in the back of the yard, but there was some along the property lines. The inspector went out and documented it.

They were in the process of reviewing whether the Board of Health was going to accept and approve the landscape as it was in the photos but as it had also been referred to Code Enforcement, the property owner complied so the Department did not need to continue with its review. Ms. Reed emphasized that it is important for residents, who wish to exhibit a natural landscape, to contact the Health Department directly for review and get approval prior to letting it go to a natural state.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney suggested that this is something the Green Team can work on to create some guardrails which can then be shared with the Health Department and this Board.

Ms. Reed said that there is an opportunity to get the discussion started before it becomes something that the Department needs to respond to.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney thanked the Department for their work related to Community Fest and the rabies clinics. The new ramp is nice to see.

Ms. Reed said that with the additional staffing, the Department has had the opportunity to dig out from some backlog and get to a point where she will start addressing some newer issues. The new contract with the ACO helps support the Health Department's ability to respond. She thanked Council for expediting that.

Councilman Baxter asked if the COVID booster shots are the latest version effective against the newest variants.

Ms. Reed replied that right now the Department has the bivalent dose for both Moderna and Pfizer. It is the most current vaccine available for COVID.

Councilman Schroth asked if monkeypox has leveled off?

Ms. Reed responded that it comes in waves and pockets. It was thought that cases were going to increase with school being back in session. Things have plateaued but with monkeypox, one case results in several contacts: several vaccinations are given at one time. It is level until there is a positive case then there is a plume of cases and then it quiets back down. It has not plumed the way everyone feared. We are not 100 percent through it yet, but if it continues the same path, we will be able to respond. The State Department of Health got ahead of it with some education, the vaccine became available quickly, and they also gave local departments the opportunity to respond, as needed, without the significant oversight as with COVID.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Board of Health.

STATEMENTS & COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no statements and comments from the Public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Steward asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Schroth so moved seconded by Ms. Keyes-Maloney. It was agreed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Sarah Steward, President

Kim J. Macellaro, Municipal Clerk

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
October 25, 2022 – 6:00 PM

President Steward called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm and asked the Clerk to call the roll.

ROLL CALL

- Mr. Baxter –arrived at 6:09 p.m.
- Ms. Keyes-Maloney – Present Kristen Reed – Health Officer
- Mr. Schroth – arrived late Kim Macellaro, Municipal Clerk
- Ms. Wollert – Present
- President Steward – Present

Clerk Macellaro stated that for the record, Councilman Baxter and Councilman Schroth are running late this evening. President Steward welcomed Health Officer Kristen Reed.

REPORT OF HEALTH OFFICER

1. **Board of Health Statistics Report from the Health Officer** – Ms. Reed said that we will go over the numbers for the month of September 2022 (available in the Clerk’s office) following what is presented in the packet. Once she was done reporting those numbers, she asked for any questions from Council. President Steward asked about the new provider for deer carcass is working out. Ms. Reed said that they are experiencing some delays and she is not sure if it is a fluke or if they are experiencing some delays as well. She did say that it does seem that when complaints come in on Friday, they don’t show up until Monday. President Steward asked that she keep them up to date on that.

NEW BUSINESS

2. **Flu Clinics** – Ms. Reed said that last time she shared with them the list of clinics for October and November, but due to the fire at the ESCC they have moved one clinic over to the West Trenton Firehouse. The dates have all stayed the same. We had a flu clinic on October 19th, 2022, and we did approximately 275 residents. The next event is happening right now downstairs for children. For adults the next one is November 2nd at the West Trenton Firehouse from 10 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and our last clinic of the year is November 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the West Trenton Firehouse. We are still offering regular and high dose. There were no questions about the flu clinics.
3. **COVID 19 update** - Ms. Reed said that currently right now in Mercer County our community level is low and has been that way for the last two weeks. We are continuing having vaccination opportunities for both homebound and as our residents identify a need. Because of the lower demand, we are not running full scale targeted clinics but are accommodating our residents requests by coordinating with other clinics or coordinating in house. She continued that it

does seem to be every Friday that we offer our residents to come and get vaccinated. Victoria Mark (Glendale Section of Ewing) asked that in terms of the covid 19 – I'm surprised that we keep offering. Are we keeping any data on amount of people that have died from receiving the vaccine. President Steward said that that is not tracked at the local level, but all adverse vaccine events are tracked by the CDC, State and Federal Health authorities. Ms. Mark said she is not talking about our data, what was put online is information that came from the CDC. But it doesn't have additional information about what to worry about. Ms. Reed said that with the sheet, when they first get vaccinated, there is provision within that sheet that indicates all kind of positive and negatives. Ms. Mark said that it doesn't go into any depth and Ms. Reed said that that information is constantly updated. She said the best thing to do is go back to the CDC website because our information is different every day, and we don't always change it daily and it is a lot of different information. In depth data is updated more frequently on the CDC website. President Steward said that to be clear, we are still recommending, as the government does, that folks get vaccinated and that is fully our stance. Ms. Mark said that in New York City it is not mandatory anymore, it is done. President Steward said her point was taken. Ms. Mark said that now they are talking about the boosters – and people are dying and having cardiac issues. President Steward said that she challenged that completely. Ms. Reed said that for individuals that have questions or concerns they should go directly to their health care provider. She continued that we are still encouraging vaccinations however we are also encouraging the conversation back with that individual's health care provider.

4. Monkeypox Update – Ms. Reed stated that to keep everyone in the loop, currently we do not have any current monkeypox cases. However, we are still continuing to offer vaccination opportunities to people who have had direct contact or are at a higher risk category. We continue our collaboration with the laboratory to offer that vaccination. Ms. Keyes-Maloney said that she is happy to hear that we have no cases. Ms. Reed said that that not only goes for Ewing but also for Mercer County.
5. Polio Update – Ms. Reed said that as some may have read, polio has shown up in water samples in the New York area. The concern is that it will eventually show up in New Jersey wastewater samples and it is a paralytic polio and so we are working with the county to identify any individuals or groups that may be of a high risk to waste water such as with our sewer authorities to be able to proactively offer polio vaccinations for adults. She further stated that we have no in house individuals that fit into that category currently but will keep you updated on any employees that may fit within that category. From county wide, the county has received the polio vaccine and is in current conversation with the wastewater treatment plants to identify the need / opportunity for vaccinations there. There have been a few companies that have reached out to the county health department to find out what their needs are gonna be. Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney stated that her father suffered from polio as a child so if nothing else, she stresses vaccination from a childhood perspective as well as an adult.

6. **Legionella** – Ms. Kristin Reed said that she shared with the Board of Health some recent updates. We have also shared with our residents regarding some additional testing from the collaboration between the DEP and the Department of Health. Some additional testing for private homes have been done in Ewing Township in September and out of the nine locations, we had 8 private homes that came up positive for Legionella. They performed a hot water and cold-water test. She said that communication to those homeowners was delivered directly back from DEP and information provided. The information provided is very similar to that we have posted and shared out regarding factors that individuals can take to reduce the exposure of legionella in the home. Those methods, some of them, are a little bit easier than other ones. There are steps and measures that we can encourage our homeowners to follow such as turning your water heater to 120 degrees or above and running your tap for 3 minutes or longer before starting to use and also cleaning and sanitizing. A whole home water treatment system is recommended but is a little more costly. These recommendations are not only for the 8 homes that came up positive but for all individuals who are using water from Trenton Water Works. President Steward asked if Ms. Reed has any sense of the ongoing testing going on with this. Ms. Reed said that this actual opportunity was a follow up opportunity to sampling that was conducted in spring/summer in Hamilton Township. This was part of a pilot project, typically routine sampling has not been widely conducted before, so this was a pilot test that got federal funding to run the pilot project. She went on to say that she is not sure if DEP is going to have another opportunity for more testing in the homes, however we have taken some numbers down from some residents that would be interested if it came back around again. There is no guarantee that they will and if they do, since this is a seasonal thing, testing would not be until spring or summer. Ms. Keyes-Maloney said that that leads to her next question. She said we are moving, thankfully, out of the time of year when legionella would naturally occur in any system. Ms. Keyes-Maloney asked if we firmly in that period of time where hopefully we move out of the more risky period of the calendar. Ms. Reed said that they needed to conduct the sampling by the end of September, which typically is a time of year where the water is a little bit warmer in the pipes, but it is not a guarantee for sure that the water in the pipes isn't going to continue to be warm or creating an environment that continues harboring legionella. President Steward asked if we are aware of any treatment changes on the Trenton Water side, if their response from their side about what more they argue in response to this. Ms. Reed said not at this time, but we are also aware that DEP has taken some additional oversight of Trenton Water Works right before these results came out. She hopes and anticipates that the legionella will be part of one of the additional oversights that DEP is addressing to work with Trenton Water Works on. Ms. Wollert asked if there are any particular neighborhoods that were affected when the testing was done. Ms. Reed responded that she was not sure what the selection process was that DEP used, but they had certain criteria when they selected a home for testing. Ms. Wollert asked if any of these homes had well water. Ms. Reed said no. Ms. Keyes-Maloney said that she appreciates the health officer keeping us up to date as this continues to evolve and has evolved. It is obviously not something we are happy about but you have been great about sharing information with the public and us

regarding risk options and preventative options. President Steward echoed that. The condition that can result here is a greater health risk to certain targeted populations that have underlying health issues. It is great that we are letting these facilities know what to expect and what steps to take and educate those that don't have the internet or Facebook. Ms. Reed said that in addition to the general notice that DEP drafted, they also drafted something for business owners and provided additional guidance to healthcare providers. President Steward asked that if homeowners are interested in having their home tested what can they do. Ms. Reed said they can contact a lab that is licensed to do testing for legionella. It is not inexpensive – can be costly.

7. Public Health Needs / Vulnerable Population Assessment – Ms. Reed said that she shared with Council the Rapid Public Health Assessment and the Health Department Covid – 19 Vulnerable Population assessment and she encouraged them to look at page 22 of the Vulnerable population assessment and page 20 of the rapid public health needs assessment. She noted that for the conclusion for the vulnerable population assessment, Ewing Township has made great progress in achieving the desired goal of at least 70% of its eligible residents receiving at least one dose of Covid 19 vaccine, especially among vulnerable populations. She continued to read the conclusion. There were no questions.
8. Veterinarian Services – Ms. Reed said that this is the first conversation about talking about this. We are considering entering into an RFP or contract services for veterinarian services, in addition to putting out an RFP for our animal shelter. President Steward said that we have an extension resolution for the shelter on our regular agenda schedule. Attorney Cannon stated that we have already advertised for an RFP for the Animal Shelter. Attorney Cannon said that she believes there are two components to the veterinarian services – one to the shelter itself doing the vaccinations but then also an on-call vet in which we had pre-covid discussions with West Trenton Animal Hospital and then it fell off the radar. We want to utilize them for emergency after hours services. She continued to say that Dr. “K” was willing to do that as a professional service. But then the second piece is the rabies clinics and sterilization that get performed on regular veterinarian services. Ms. Reed said that typically we have one vet that has provided the rabies vaccination services. We renew that yearly. We are finding as we are addressing some more immediate animal needs when our animal control officers go and pick up a loose animal, often that animal needs immediate vet services which often sometimes is not available for us at Easel because their vet is not there all of the time. It is hard to find vet services that will take us in which leads us to go to emergency vets which is costly and time consuming. We are hoping to enter into a more routine contract with someone local to where we can mitigate cost and have a contract for routine services. President Steward said that we would be happy to see a proposal on that. This is relatively intermittent but to have a steady contract and have clear terms and costs would be good. Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney said that just like other contracts we have for emergencies, it makes sense. Ms. Reed said that we are just back having discussions about this. This week there will be a one-on-one meeting with Dr. K to figure out what his expectations are or we come up with a list of services and fees that fit our needs and his needs.

President Steward thanked Ms. Reed for her report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Steward asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Wollert so moved, seconded by Mr. Baxter. The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm.

Sarah Steward, President

Kim Macellaro Municipal Clerk

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
November 22, 2022 – 6:00 PM

President Steward called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm and asked the Clerk to call the roll.

ROLL CALL

- Mr. Baxter – Present
 - Ms. Keyes-Maloney – Present
 - Mr. Schroth – Present
 - Ms. Wollert – Present
 - President Steward – Present
- Kristen Reed – Health Officer
Susan Bate, Deputy Municipal Clerk

President Steward welcomed Health Officer Kristen Reed (via zoom). There were some technical difficulties as the residents on zoom could not hear Council. Once this matter was resolved, Ms. Reed went over reports for last month, which was October.

REPORT OF HEALTH OFFICER

Report from the Health Officer – Ms. Reed went over Environmental, Nursing, Vital Statistics and Animal Control.

Ms. Reed asked if there were any questions under the Environmental section of the report. There were none. Ms. Reed asked if there were any questions under the Nursing section of the report. There were none. She asked if there were any questions under the Vital Statistics portion of the report. There were none. She asked if there were any questions under the Animal Control portion of the report. President Steward asked about the two positive rabies, is there anything we should be concerned about. Ms. Reed said that it really depends on the situation, whether it is a wildlife animal or domestic animal. President Steward asked if they were domestic or wildlife. Ms. Reed said that they were wildlife. Councilman Schroth asked what kind of wildlife. Ms. Reed said one was a racoon and one was a skunk.

Ms. Reed then brought to their attention that there have been a number of roadkill deer. Hopefully, come winter, it will slow down a bit. Councilman Baxter asked if it was rut season yet. Ms. Reed said not quite yet. Ms. Keyes-Maloney mentioned that the Health Dept. has been really good about putting out public service announcements on our website and social media. One item, she continued, as we move into winter, she stated that maybe we should articulate the temperature control ordinance and our pets. She said it might behoove us to put something on our website.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Reed congratulated the Public Health Department for bringing on a new public health nurse, Roy Williams. She said the please feel free to stop in and introduce yourself and say hello. We still have a vacancy out there for a part time animal control officer. We will continue to keep you updated. President Steward asked about response

times and whether that had been resolved. Ms. Reed said that with the animal control shared services contract we have, it improves the response time and also helps with weekend coverage and after-hours coverage.

She further continued that we are continuing conversations for veterinarian services. We are continuing conversation about our lead MOU with Trenton, and we are happy to push that through once it is received.

President Steward said that on the agenda tonight is consideration of the updated ordinance regarding lead inspection to bring us into compliance with the new state laws. She further stated that we will need the Health Departments help in getting the word out. She said she is looking forward to moving that forward tonight as long as everyone is on board. Councilman Schroth asked about legionnaires disease and pending legislation and also are there any more strains of COVID that you can give us an update on. Ms. Reed said that with legionnaires disease, the update that I did provide, there is currently legislation which is starting some additional oversight with the public Jersey Water System. She said she would be happy to share that with them. Regarding covid she continued, we are working through the new strain. She said that there is a respiratory disease that has increased the number of patients in our hospitals. We are still providing vaccinations and a lot of it right now is our homebound individuals and we are also providing scheduled on-site vaccinations. She continued that we are currently in a medium to low risk in Mercer County for COVID and she said she will share the most recent update from the state and also post it to the website.

Councilman Baxter asked about our numbers for flu vaccinations. Ms. Reed said our first clinic was the busiest and then the next one slowed down from there. She said we are including homebound individuals looking for the flu vaccine and we are providing that service through the health department. Mr. Baxter also asked about getting the flu vaccine and the bivalent vaccine and having to wait in between the two shots. Ms. Reed responded that initially they were indicating that they can be done at the same time but are now recommending waiting. Lastly, Mr. Baxter asked if we have had any RSV virus in children in Ewing at this time. Ms. Reed said that there are Ewing Township residents with this virus. She said that there are a lot of colds, flu and viruses going around right now because it is winter.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Victoria Mark (Glendale Section of Ewing) commented on what Mr. Baxter said. She was in contact with three people who got their shots – two of them covid and flu, and they did not fair well. She said that it is very real, and they shouldn't be given together. She continued that in the report, there really weren't any statistics for October – is there a reason we are behind. President Steward said that they are doing the best they can but that her point had been taken. Ms. Mark asked whether we get a lot of money for covid shots. President Steward said that the state made available some additional grant funding this year to support outreach and making sure that we are doing as broad an outreach as we can – we are in partnership with the Trenton Health Team. She continued that there is relatively short-term funding to help do more outreach and connect with folks around covid but also more broadly about public health. We do from time to time get funding from the state – as a matter of fact – we have something

on the agenda about a settlement relating to opioids and that money has to be spent on public promotion. There is certainly more now given focus on the last couple of years. President Steward asked Ms. Reed if she had anything to add to that. Ms. Reed stated that we don't necessarily get paid for providing covid vaccines, but we have received grant funding to support vaccines for covid. Ms. Mark asked if we apply for the grants. President Steward commented that we apply for them.

President Steward thanked Ms. Reed for her report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Steward asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Schroth so moved, seconded by Mr. Baxter. The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Sarah Steward, President

Susan Bate, Deputy Municipal Clerk

(This Meeting was Held In-Person & via Zoom due to COVID-19)

BOARD OF HEALTH

January 24, 2023

President Wollert called the Board of Health meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

**Mr. Baxter
Ms. Keyes-Maloney
Mr. Schroth
Ms. Steward
President Wollert**

**Kristen Reed, Health Officer
Kim J. Macellaro, Municipal Clerk**

President Wollert introduced the Township's Health Officer, Kristen Reed. Ms. Reed requested that they start with a presentation from the Trenton Health Team instead of a review of the monthly Board of Health numbers.

PRESENTATION

Greg Paulson (CEO, Trenton Health Team) introduced his colleagues – Aida Martinez (Program Manager) who leads their work in Ewing and Bilquis Busari who is currently working the clinic and will hopefully be able to come up and meet everyone.

Trenton Health Team started about sixteen years ago. Their primary focus is the greater Trenton community, but they do a lot of work throughout the County. The impetus for their founding was the closure of Mercer Medical Center. The Trenton Health Team has become a place where the health care system and community organizations that impact health and well-being can come together to work on the social determinants of health. They are one of four Regional Health Hubs in the State. That is a designation within NJ Medicaid which means that they receive claims data on all Medicaid beneficiaries that reside within their geographic responsibility. They are responsible for analytic work to improve their health outcomes. They are an organization of about fifty-five people with an annual budget of around \$8.5 million in revenue.

Mr. Paulson said that staff work in community care management, healthy housing, clean streets, community safety, food access, chronic disease management, and adverse childhood experiences. They have a data analytics team who guide their work. Trenton Health Team has a close relationship with the County Health Department on many matters; one that is often overlooked – they have been providing tuberculosis management services County-wide since 2011.

Ms. Martinez said that their work in Ewing involves three objectives: build connections in the community to effectively disseminate information and to connect residents to services; develop, update, and distribute health messages among Ewing residents and partners; support the Ewing Health Department with COVID clinics and exposure monitoring.

Mr. Paulson provided a timeline of the partnership between Trenton Health Team and the Ewing Township Health Department. The partnership began around November 2021, two program coordinators were hired and are now working here full-time.

Ms. Martinez provided a snapshot of what they have done in Ewing for the past eighteen months: participated in or coordinated forty-four events, seventy-eight clinics, reached 842 residents and have up to fifteen community partners which does include Ewing employees not in the Health Department. They also worked on a Community Needs Assessment and put together a Social Support List. Next month they will be starting an email newsletter.

Ms. Martinez next discussed some of the community initiatives the Team has been involved in so far. A holiday food drive - 200 food items were collected and donated to Faith Deliverance Cathedral Food Pantry – and Holiday Cards for Seniors. Some 260 cards were gathered. Impact begins with first building a sense of community and they are being to see that.

Mr. Paulson mentioned that although the Trenton Health Team is trying to build relationships, their work is branded under the Ewing Health Department.

Council President Wollert said that Mr. Paulson mentioned that there are fifty-five employees at Trenton Health Team. Does that include the two that are doing outreach here?

Mr. Paulson replied – yes.

President Wollert commented that Trenton Health Team has a wide-ranging mission for fifty-five employees which makes her wonder how thin Trenton Health might be spread filling the needs that are out there. It is a worthy goal to work for the people in this County.

It is the Council President's understanding, with the grant money the Township received, that they were to have people in place that were specifically helping with COVID outreach.

Outreach to Meals on Wheels and Homefront is worthwhile, but...the two people assigned to Ewing...what is their schedule and in what manner is Trenton Health reaching out to those who did not participate in the initial COVID shots?

Mr. Paulson replied that Ms. Martinez reports back to the Director of Population Health who oversees a lot of their chronic disease, traditional public health-related work who, in turn, reports to the Chief Program Officer. They do have a breath of interventions across the broader health and well-being space. But they work hard to ensure things are properly resourced. The contract with Ewing is specific. The two full-time positions assigned to Ewing are required to be in this building or out in the community at least fifty percent of the time. Also, beyond what the contract is paying for, other Team members are available. The work is well resourced. The funding is COVID funding. But they have seen this throughout the County, the funding which came to communities purely as COVID funding with COVID being the sole purpose has broadened a bit. And that comes from the community, people are still asking about COVID, but they are also asking other questions – about communicable diseases, flu, and RSV. The Team also works closely with the Health Department; taking their guidance on what they should be working on. They do everything to reach out to residents – mailings, door hangers, knocking on doors.

Council President Wollert commented that it is beyond the scope of what the mission was intended to be. She appreciates that Trenton Health Team has these services to offer people who are in need. However, she would like to see something concrete as to what exactly is being done.

Ms. Martinez said that a Lunch & Learn later in the week, they asked for COVID vaccines to be available. They are always carrying those flyers with them while doing community outreach. They try to merge the two. There is one community group that is not interested in COVID vaccines at all. They run into a lot of COVID fatigue. First earn their trust and then see how to combine the two.

President Wollert said that since the Trenton Health Team has been working on this for a couple of years, she would like to see firm numbers as to how many got the COVID vaccine through their outreach.

Ms. Martinez said that they track the number of people who come to the clinics. She would need to go back and look at the numbers.

Mr. Paulson added that they do not administer the immunizations themselves. The Health Department has access to the State reporting system which tracks the numbers. It is difficult to know if their outreach causes someone to go to a pharmacy or attend a clinic.

Councilwoman Steward asked what are the biggest challenges or barriers that the Team has encountered? How can the Board of Health help?

Ms. Martinez responded - COVID fatigue is the main challenge. They noticed if they approach people with COVID at the forefront, they are not as receptive. If they approach with a different program, then they weave COVID into it later.

Ms. Reed added that the other difficulty is finding locations to go out to. Other groups try to “steal” successful locations so there is location fatigue. It is also cyclical – if a new variant comes out or if it is back to school time – there is an uptick. Language barriers can also be an issue; the Trenton Health Team helping with translation is appreciated and has made a difference.

Councilwoman Steward reiterated that the Board is happy to be a resource and commented that with low vaccine participation and health care in general, it is a question of access and not so much a question of resistance or misinformation. She applauds the Trenton Health Team’s efforts.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney recalled that the original grant focused on COVID and the hardest to reach populations. She is happy to see the “doorways” they use to reach these populations. How do you approach those eighteen-year-olds who think they are immortal?

Mr. Paulson said, thankfully, that population suffers less from the ill effects of being disengaged.

Ms. Martinez said it is challenging. It has been slow trying to get inroads into TCNJ.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney said, moving forward, as COVID becomes endemic, what are some of things that should be focused on from a public health perspective?

Mr. Paulson replied that it is building trust around health issues that are always here, building that relationship between community partners and a local health department.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney said she has had conversations with Ms. Reed about additional things that they can be thinking about. She works at TCNJ and is happy to help with communication. There are other health concerns in the college context. It is a

community, and the need is to figure out how to coalesce better. She looks forward to these conversations beyond COVID. It is about making Ewing healthier.

Vice President Baxter said the focus of the Ewing grant was COVID. As the focus broadens, what about the mental health crisis? Will there be a point where you are able to assist the Police or to intervene to deescalate those situations.

Mr. Paulson said that that is outside their contractual arrangement, but it is something they spend a lot of time working on. Even in Trenton, they have not had enough resources to work on this. The primary intervention is working within other groups – churches, the schools – not necessarily the Police. TCNJ does quite a bit. Just because it is not a part of this work, does not mean that the Team will not engage in it.

The Council President thanked the Trenton Health Team for giving their perspective and for providing information about their organization and how things are working in Ewing.

Council members are committed to helping in any way they can.

Mr. Paulson thanked the Board and said that he will give the information the Board requested to the Clerk. They are happy to come before the Board again or discuss things on an individual basis.

REPORT OF HEALTH OFFICER

Kristen Reed (Health Officer) reported on the Ewing Township Health Department numbers for December 2022.

Ms. Reed provided an overview of the Environmental Reports. The one Enforcement Action was for a facility that had unpermitted renovations completed.

There were no questions or comments from the Board of Health or the Public.

The Health Officer went over the Nursing Statistics.

There were no questions or comments from the Board of Health or the Public.

Ms. Reed gave an overview of the Animal Control Statistics.

There were no questions or comments from the Board of Health or the Public.

Lastly, Ms. Reed discussed Vital Statistics.

There were no questions or comments from the Board of Health or the Public.

NEW BUSINESS

Health Officer Reed said that she had one additional matter that she wanted to bring to the Board's attention. In addition to the current COVID grants, last Friday, they applied for another funding source from the NJ Department of Health coming through the National

Association of City and County Health Officials to be spent on strengthening local public health infrastructure. The grant is \$261,004.00. The Department did a general budget – mostly for items that needed to be purchased, support for staffing, and some overtime. Once the grant is approved, they will bring it before the Board for approval.

STATEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Victoria Mark (via Zoom) commented that she understands the hesitancy with the COVID vaccine given what is going on – the heart issues and everything else that is showing up now. No Council member asked the Trenton Health Team if they are aware of those studies and how that is affecting what the Team is doing?

President Wollert stated that she knows that there are studies. Tonight, the Board was concerned about the progress they made in fulfilling the reason for the grant – what efforts they are making and how they made those efforts. The Trenton Health Team did say that there was resistance for various reasons without specifying any issue.

Ms. Mark commented how better to help them then to help them find out why they cannot do the purpose for why they are there.

Councilman Schroth commented that he clearly heard them say that when a person offered resistance, they asked them why.

Ms. Mark asked how is that affecting how much pressure they were putting on people to get vaccinated for COVID?

(crosstalk)

Ms. Reed said that the education outreach for COVID is just one deliverable of the grant which runs through June 2023. They are going to make sure they are completing the grant deliverables by offering the vaccine. The Trenton Health Team is doing that. Part of the grant is to assess vulnerable populations and to identify their other health needs such as food insecurity or travel insecurity to be able to connect them with resources for these other needs.

Ms. Mark stated that is not their job.

Ms. Reed said that they work under the Health Department as an outreach...

Ms. Mark said that you need to help them stay focused on what they are doing. That they do not deviate into areas like giving cards out although that is nice to do... They need to be more focused, more educated, and more sensitive as it is being found out that some horrible things can happen with the COVID vaccine. They must proceed with caution when administering any vaccine. The Public needs to know what is going on.

Ms. Reed responded that the Trenton Health Team are not the individuals who administer the vaccine. That is being done by the Health Department. Any communication is done with the nurse or doctor. The Trenton Health Team is just making connections.

There were no additional questions and comments from the Public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Wollert asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Schroth so moved seconded by Ms. Steward. It was agreed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Kathleen Wollert, President

Kim J. Macellaro, Municipal Clerk

(This Meeting was Held In-Person & via Zoom due to COVID-19)

BOARD OF HEALTH

February 28, 2023

President Wollert called the Board of Health meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

PRESENT

**Mr. Baxter
Ms. Keyes-Maloney
Mr. Schroth
Ms. Steward
President Wollert**

**Kristen Reed, Health Officer (via Zoom)
Susan Bate, Deputy Municipal Clerk**

President Wollert introduced the Township's Health Officer, Kristen Reed.

REPORT OF HEALTH OFFICER

Kristen Reed (Health Officer) reported on the Ewing Township Health Department numbers for January 2023.

Ms. Reed gave an overview of the Animal Control Statistics.

There were no questions or comments from the Board of Health or the Public.

Ms. Reed provided an overview of the Environmental Reports.

There were no questions or comments from the Board of Health or the Public.

The Health Officer went over the Nursing Statistics.

Council President Wollert asked if any headway is being made with the COVID outreach program and if it is resulting in any known inoculations.

Ms. Reed responded that the Department is continuing with several COVID outreach and inoculation opportunities. They are also continuing with their homebound vaccination program and scheduling routine clinics. They also participate in clinics hosted by the County. Ms. Reed provided dates for upcoming COVID outreach and inoculation events and other outreach programs.

Vice President Baxter asked if the Department is continuing with the flu clinics or is it just COVID at this point.

Ms. Reed replied no flu clinics at this time. It is not the season for it. They had held flu clinics. She does not remember the exact numbers but there was low attendance.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Board of Health. There were no questions or comments from the Public.

Lastly, Ms. Reed discussed Vital Statistics.

There were no questions or comments from the Board of Health or the Public.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Reed said that the COVID outreach events, that were just discussed, will be posted on the website.

Ms. Reed said that she wanted to highlight their audit of the local schools and day-care facilities. All but one has been completed. Most of the facilities are in-compliance at the initial inspection.

There were no questions or comments from the Board of Health or the Public.

President Wollert thanked the Health Officer for giving her report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Wollert asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Steward so moved seconded by Vice President Baxter. It was agreed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Kathleen Wollert, President

Susan Bate, Deputy Municipal Clerk

(This Meeting was Held In-Person & via Zoom due to COVID-19)

BOARD OF HEALTH

March 28, 2023

Acting President Keyes-Maloney called the Board of Health meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

PRESENT

**Mr. Schroth
Ms. Steward
Acting President Keyes-Maloney**

**Kristen Reed, Health Officer
Kim J. Macellaro, Municipal Clerk**

Acting President Keyes-Maloney introduced the Township's Health Officer, Kristen Reed.

REPORT OF HEALTH OFFICER

Kristen Reed (Health Officer) reported on the Ewing Township Health Department numbers for February 2023.

Ms. Reed gave an overview of the Animal Control Statistics.

There were no questions or comments from the Board of Health or the Public.

Ms. Reed provided an overview of the Environmental Reports.

There were no questions or comments from the Board of Health or the Public.

The Health Officer went over the Nursing Statistics.

There were no questions or comments from the Board of Health or the Public.

Lastly, Ms. Reed discussed Vital Statistics.

There were no questions or comments from the Board of Health or the Public.

NEW BUSINESS

The Acting President asked the Health Officer for an update on the Legionella investigation and Trenton Water Works.

Ms. Reed said that the Department just posted an update to the website. The update is as recent as today. The New Jersey Department of Health shared a summary of the ongoing Legionella investigation among residents of Mercer County in areas served by Trenton Water Works. Since the investigation started in October 2022 through March 2023, there have been seven cases of Legionnaires Disease in the municipalities of Trenton, Ewing, Lawrence, and Hamilton. Of those seven cases, two have deceased. The investigation is continuing with a partnership between Trenton Water Works, the New Jersey Department of Health, and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

Recommendations have been made to decrease the amount and/or growth of legionella in homes and businesses: set a water heater to 120 degrees or higher; clean/replace shower heads and faucet aerators; conduct routine flushing; avoid high-risk activities especially for individuals at a high-risk to aerosolized droplets; maintain in-home medical equipment; follow your manufacturer's instructions regarding maintenance of water heaters and expansion tanks.

NJ DEP will be working with Trenton Water Works to conduct low-velocity flushing and testing throughout the service area starting in early April 2023. This flushing is not expected to present any noticeable water quality issues. If residents do observe any, they are to contact the Ewing Health Department, Trenton Water Works, or the NJ DEP. Based on testing results, additional recommendations may be provided.

Acting President Keyes-Maloney said that it is appreciated that the information was posted on the website and that the Board of Health was updated. They just received this information; it was passed on to residents as quickly as possible so residents can know what is going on and what they can do to hopefully eliminate any risk that they may have in their homes.

Ms. Reed added that there is an ongoing investigation regarding the contamination that has happened a little bit south of here. Currently, Ewing Township/Mercer County is not part of that investigation.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Board of Health.

Victoria Mark (Glendale section of Ewing – via Zoom) asked if residents were supposed to be notified of this water issue. It started last October. Were people notified? She had not been notified; she was not told anything.

Acting President Keyes-Maloney said that the Township just received notification from the State. There has been no notification beyond what just happened. As soon as the Town received notice, notice was provided to residents through the website which is the quickest way to do that.

Ms. Reed added that residents were provided information with the initial increased testing last fall. Notice was provided on the website. Recommendations were shared out by the NJDEP, the NJDOH, and Trenton Water last fall. In addition, as they move through flushing and testing, Trenton Water is supposed to contact residents so they know that the flushing process will be occurring in their area.

Ms. Mark added that with this sharing, not anything stood out to make working families pay attention to this information. Clean water is a very important issue. A lot more attention needs to be paid to it. Who will be paying attention to or reporting on the issue outside of Ewing?

The Acting President stated that the contamination that happened south of here (in Bristol) has nothing to do with Ewing. Legionella is being taken seriously. Information was posted as quickly as the Town had information to post. The Town and will continue to do that.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Acting President Keyes-Maloney asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Schroth so moved seconded by Ms. Steward. It was agreed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Jennifer Keyes-Maloney, Acting President

Kim J. Macellaro, Municipal Clerk

(This Meeting was Held In-Person & via Zoom due to COVID-19)

BOARD OF HEALTH

April 25, 2023

President Wollert called the Board of Health meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mr. Baxter

Ms. Keyes-Maloney

Mr. Schroth – 6:01 p.m.

Ms. Steward – 6:04 p.m.

President Wollert

Kristen Reed, Health Officer (via Zoom)

Kim J. Macellaro, Municipal Clerk

President Wollert introduced the Township's Health Officer, Kristen Reed.

REPORT OF HEALTH OFFICER

Kristen Reed (Health Officer) reported on the Board of Health Statistics for March 2023.

Ms. Reed gave an overview of the Animal Control Statistics.

There were no questions or comments from the Board of Health or the Public regarding Animal Control.

Ms. Reed provided an overview of the Environmental Statistics.

Vice President Baxter asked, regarding tattoo parlors, those are inspected once a year unless there is a complaint.

Ms. Reed replied – yes. Since she has been with the Township, those that Ewing does have, have been complying.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Board of Health. There were no questions or comments from the Public.

The Health Officer went over the Nursing Statistics.

There were no questions or comments from the Board of Health.

Victoria Mark (Glendale section of Ewing) asked does COVID testing also include immunizations for children.

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Ms. Mark asked if that is a yes or no.

Ms. Reed replied she does not have the number of COVID vaccinations. The Department will continue to offer COVID vaccinations at these clinics if the parents choose.

President Wollert clarified that the report the Health Officer has given the Board of Health does not break it down into vaccination type and number.

Ms. Mark said that that is the information she is asking for. The Health Officer should know that since she is a part of that Department.

Councilwoman Steward said that they just do not have the breakdown right now.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney added that a child may have or may not have received the COVID vaccination. This report is based on those vaccinations required for school in addition to the COVID vaccine being available.

Ms. Mark stated, so it is not required, but if the parent wanted the child to have it, it is available.

President Wollert said that if the school required it, the Department would offer it.

Ms. Mark asked if any Ewing schools require it.

Ms. Reed said that she is not aware of any schools currently requiring COVID vaccinations for attendance.

President Wollert commented that it would be voluntary.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Public.

Ms. Reed discussed Vital Statistics.

There were no questions or comments from the Board of Health or the Public.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Reed stated that the Department is in the middle of preparing their Budget. The Department has been given the opportunity to continue with some of their grants from the State Department of Health. One is Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity and the other is a Vaccination Grant. The dollar amounts are not yet known. Those grants will continue through June 2024.

President Wollert asked what was the first grant?

Ms. Reed replied – Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity Grant. It is the opportunity to have those two additional positions which currently are from the Trenton Health Team.

Ms. Reed stated that the Department will have an additional grant – Enhancing Capacity Grant. The Department can be flexible as to what they do with these funds. It would allow for opportunities with the College of New Jersey and bring additional resources into the Department. This will start July 1st and go until June 2024.

President Wollert asked what additional resources does the Health Department hope this grant will provide?

Health Officer Reed said that the existing grant was used for items needed for the clinic-based services.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Board of Health. There were no questions or comments from the Public.

Ms. Reed added that the State Department of Health is again requiring local health departments to provide an Annual Report to the State. This report was completed two weeks ago. They are waiting for the finalized version. Once that is approved by the State, she will present it to the Board. The report is a summary of numbers for 2022.

President Wollert said that the Board of Health is looking forward to receiving that report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Wollert asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Keyes-Maloney so moved seconded by Mr. Schroth. It was agreed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Kathleen Wollert, President

Kim J. Macellaro, Municipal Clerk

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
May 23, 2023 – 6:00 PM

President Wollert called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

ROLL CALL

- Mr. Baxter – Present
 - Ms. Keyes-Maloney – Present
 - Mr. Schroth – Present
 - Ms. Steward – Present
 - President Wollert – Present
- Sharon McNellis-Kissel – Health Officer
Stephanie Mendelsohn - Health Director
Kim Macellaro, Municipal Clerk

President Wollert welcomed Health Officer McNellis-Kissel back and also welcomed Stephanie Mendelsohn, Health Director to give their report. President Wollert asked for roll call at this time.

REPORT OF HEALTH OFFICER

1. Report from the Health Officer – Ms. McNellis-Kissel said she wants to bring in each person from different divisions and have Council meet them. She said they have a pretty robust department now and thinks it would be nice for everyone to meet them. She said that right now they are in the middle of grant applications.

She started by giving a report on the Nursing Department. Nurses Heather Larovere and Roy Williams (Health Nurses) visited Greenwood House and vaccinated the staff and residents. She said that Mr. Williams is also a part of our strengthening grant and has been doing a lot of one-on-one community outreach. They are providing support and handing out educational pamphlets to local landscapers. Mr. Williams drove around the township and educated landscapers about tick born diseases. We have established so many relationships with churches and community organizations that the last time we had a big health fair we had to turn vendors away.

Animal Control Report – Ms. McNellis-Kissel stated that we did have a rabies clinic in May. We vaccinated 12 cats and 64 dogs. The next clinic is on Saturday, June 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. They will keep doing it as a drive-by clinic, it seems to work really well. We are receiving a lot of calls about chickens. She said that her and Carrie Klakowicz (Animal Control Officer) are working with Catie McDuff (Attorney) to draft an ordinance to get the chicken issue under control. Ms. McNellis-Kissel said that she is also talking to the attorney about a 6 ft. leash limit because of the issues involved with dog attacks.

Environmental Report – Sharon started by saying that one of our health inspectors is on her way to have her baby so Health Inspector, Taher Mohamed-Ali, has been running the ship. He has conducted routine and complaint-based inspections for retail food establishments. We are all caught up and our focus now is on youth camp inspections and pools. There are 6 youth camps and 19 pools. All tanning

facilities are complete. It is also that time of year for temporary events, so he is doing all those inspections. Everyday is another call with a different complaint and sometimes his day doesn't always go the way he has it planned. She said that she is there to help him with whatever he needs. She said that Mike Farro is going to send an email notification to all retail food establishments (we created a database) letting them know what they need. She said that they have completed 22 OPRA requests which were primarily about underground storage tanks. She further stated that there has been a slight increase in Foodborne illnesses. We are working with Joanne Mullowney in IT to keep our Facebook page and township website updated about acute awareness.

Ms. McNellis-Kissel said that COVID cases are slowing down. We had about 6 / 7 in the past two weeks.

Ms. Stephanie Mendelsohn said that we are using the rabies clinic to get the word out to the public – flyers, pamphlets on tick diseases and ticks and their pets and what to look for and information on the COVID vaccine – they handed out COVID test kits and masks and asked if anyone had any questions. Easel was also at the clinic doing microchipping. Ms. McNellis-Kissel said that they are trying to reach out to people with animals because EASEL does a lot of low-cost vaccinations and microchipping.

President Wollert commented that she has had several neighbors call her about baby coyotes and fox. Sharon said that Carrie can give them information about how to get them out of their yard. Fish and Wildlife have to step in to determine if they are vicious or sick. But they can always call Carrie to get the ball rolling. Ms. Mendelsohn said that we have a lot of information about how to dissuade them from coming into your yard.

Ms. Keyes-Maloney stated that as a point of reference, it's great that they have a social worker composite to what you are doing, but Meals on Wheels also does some pet food and is also a resource. Meals on Wheels recognizes that seniors benefit from having pets in their lives and sometimes they may struggle. Ms. McNellis-Kissel said that Ms. Klakowicz is very good at addressing residents' concerns.

Ms. Keyes-Maloney said that she often gets a question about other vaccines that pets benefit from – especially when there is an increase in parvo or distemper of the like. Maybe it is something we can think about offering in the future at a lower cost. Ms. McNellis-Kissel agreed that the more residents can take advantage of at the clinics, the better.

STATEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Victoria Mark (Glendale section of Ewing) asked about COVID testing – the federal government has stated that there is no more mandate on this anymore. So, she is really wondering why we are doing a very potentially dangerous shot to give to people. What is the incentive? When she was going over the budget – what is SLPHC-COVID 19? Are we getting paid to keep this going? She doesn't see any reason why Ewing

Township should continue, given it's known how dangerous it is. There are all kinds of studies and commentary. Stephanie said that these are our grants. She further said that State and Local Public Health Commission. Ms. Mark said so were are getting all of that money and that's why we are still doing this? President Wollert asked her to please address through the chair. President Wollert said that we will take the money available to us through the federal government and continue to work toward providing healthcare. We know there are people who disagree with the vaccine program however it has proved, in her opinion and many others, to be very successful in helping to control the spread of COVID. Ms. Mark said that there is proof all over. President Wollert said that it is not about money, it is about public health protection. President Wollert said we will continue to provide this to the residents who want it. No one is forcing anyone to take this medication. Ms. Mark asked at what point will Ewing start taking responsibility for their own behavior in this? President Wollert asked in what sense. Ms. Mark said that every time there is an event you try to push the vaccine. Ms. McNellis-Kissel said that they hand out test kits, as a preventative measure. They are not advocating vaccines. It is a personal choice. Ms. Mark asked about what we are doing with all this money. President Wollert said that Administration will decide that – the distribution of the monies. Councilwoman Stewart said that it is not just for COVID but for all public health operations in our health department.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Wollert asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Stewart so moved, seconded by Mr. Schroth. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 pm.

Kathleen Wollert, President

Kim J. Macellaro, Municipal Clerk

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
June 27, 2023 – 6:00 PM

President Wollert called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

- Mr. Baxter –Present Sharon McNellis-Kissel - Health Officer
- Ms. Keyes-Maloney – arrived at 6:09 p.m. Kim Macellaro – Clerk
- Mr. Schroth – Present
- Ms. Steward – Present
- President Wollert – Present

President Wollert welcomed the Health Officer Sharon McNellis-Kissel. Ms. Kissel said that she had sent out an email to everyone to ask if they had specific questions or concerns that they wanted us to talk about. She didn't hear back from anyone, so she is just going to give an update on the reports.

REPORT OF HEALTH OFFICER

Ms. McNellis-Kissel gave report on environmental/retail – continuing to license food trucks and temporary vendors, which takes up a lot of our time this time of year, as well as the pool and youth camps. We have inspected 8 camps, 17 pools operating and in compliance but requires weekly water sample and analysis. They have had some issues with closing whirlpools. We have worked closely with Joanne in IT to put more robust information on the website regarding food handlers/temporary vendors and what we actually require of them.

Health Director Mendelsohn stated that COVID cases are still declining They do see a new variant – they expect them to keep coming, but trying to identify the changes and how they affect people. She further stated that the newest one is EU.1.1 which has not made its way to New Jersey yet. It is in Nevada and Colorado, but we will let you know if it should make its way here.

ACO – concerns about wildlife – Health Officer McNellis-Kissel introduced the Animal Control Officer, Carolyn Klakowicz to give an update on wildlife. She spoke about coyotes and how there have been a few sightings. They recently put out a post about this on the website. She said that their population is exploding because of human interference. Coyotes have become adapt to living in our neighborhoods – there is not a lot of space for them to go. One of the keys to living safely with them, she continued, is to know your surroundings and some hazing guidelines, created by the Humane Society. They key is to get everyone in the neighborhood to practice these hazing techniques. Coyotes are not generally dangerous animals.

She further stated that she fields a lot of calls about nuisance wildlife – groundhogs under a shed and foxes. She said that her authority is for sick and injured wildlife. She doesn't have the authority over nuisance wildlife. She had a brochure of “tips and tricks” to keep these animals out of your yard that will go on the website once she gets approval.

President Wollert said that a neighbor called her upset and his wife was terrified of a fox, and I told him to call animal control. I'm not sure this was the right thing to do. Carrie said that she spoke with this individual and she gave him the hazing technique to try. She said that we want wildlife to be afraid of us.

There were no questions for Carrie.

Mr. Schroth asked about the EU.1.1 variant and if the vaccines are currently in place or will a new vaccine have to be devised. Health Officer McNellis-Kissel responded that COVID-19 is not a thing of the past but is also no longer a global issue. They will need to do the research. Health Director stated that probably by the fall there will be a new vaccine. Health Officer McNellis-Kissel said that last year we opted to do our flu clinics and keep our covid vaccinations separate and we will probably do the same this year.

Ms. McNellis-Kissel said that this was a condensed version of what is going on downstairs in our office. Lots of inspections and grants – very busy time of the year for us.

STATEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Wollert asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Schroth so moved, seconded by Ms. Steward. The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 pm.

Kathleen Wollert, President

Kim J. Macellaro, Municipal Clerk

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
July 25, 2023 – 6:00 PM

President Wollert called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

ROLL CALL

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| ▪ Mr. Baxter – Present | Stephanie Mendelsohn - Health Director |
| ▪ Ms. Keyes-Maloney – Present | Kim Macellaro – Clerk |
| ▪ Mr. Schroth – Present | |
| ▪ Ms. Steward – Present | |
| ▪ President Wollert – Present | |

President Wollert welcomed the Health Director, Stephanie Mendelsohn and Stephanie continued by going through the monthly report. She stated that the Health Officer could not make the meeting so therefore she will be giving the report.

REPORT OF HEALTH OFFICER

1. Report from the Health Director – Ms. Stephanie Mendelsohn gave her report and went through the overall numbers for the month of June, 2023.

She expressed that as part of the Animal Control report that we had a rabies clinic on July 17th and we vaccinated 70 pets.

For environmental she said that all seasonal and year-round pools in Ewing are operating and in compliance. The Ewing town center pool is open and operating.

Nursing – still doing the bivalent covid vaccine. She said that more people want to do it in the fall when the flu vaccine comes out. We are working on the flu clinic dates right now and will let you know when they are set. Our COVID cases have been down however we have had food borne illnesses that had to be investigated that are very common at this time of the year due to picnics and outdoor events. She further stated that there was a COVID outbreak at a long-term care facility and we worked with them to try to break the cycle. We also had one day care center that had hand, foot and mouth disease and we worked with them to resolve it.

She stated that they have a lot of masks in their department if anyone is in need and that they also have COVID test kits.

She said that they have been sending out “new mom” letters for those moms giving birth. They give them a lot of information and resources.

Ms. Keyes-Maloney thanked them for doing a great job at the rabies clinic. She said it is run very efficiently. She appreciated them participating at National Night Out and she also said that with the “new mom” letter, it is super great to give them the resources they need.

Ms. Keyes-Maloney also asked about the seven (7) chicken complaints. Ms. Mendelsohn said that we have been getting a lot more calls from residents. The last one we got, the family has six dogs and a lot of chickens and the person who called to complain said that they can't even use the pool because the smell is so bad. Ms. Keyes-Maloney said that hopefully tonight's discussion will lead to something that leads to something more specific to the residents.

Mr. Schroth asked if there any new news on variants – any new developments on the national level. Stephanie said that they are always changing. The virus is going to keep evolving and mutating. Its job is to survive. They are not talking about anything specific.

Mr. Baxter asked about the lead cases – how many are open right now. Stephanie said she will have to get back to him on that. She further said that right now the lead level is down to 5. The state wants to lower it again to 3.5. Children get tested by doing a capillary lead blood test. We have a shared services agreement with Trenton Health Department – they get the lead money for Mercer County. She further stated that Mercer County Health Department has a nurse that goes out to talk to the parents of the child that has lead – ways to prevent it, things they can do, sources and then the inspector goes out to inspect the home – the paint, the door jams, etc. Once it is found, they have to remediate, and the inspectors let them know how this is done. Kevin asked if the inspectors are a part of the Trenton Health team. Ms. Mendelsohn said that we used to use them but now we have our own trained inspectors.

STATEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Victoria Mark (Glendale section of Ewing) asked about the test kits and the dates on them. She said that at Hollowbrook Community Center they are giving out test kits that have expired. They have two dates on them – one on the outside and one on the inside. She asked someone at Hollowbrook about it and they said they are fine. Ms. Mark wanted to know if that information came from the Health Dept. Stephanie said she wasn't sure that the ones at Hollowbrook are from us. She said you can go online and see the expiration dates of the kits and many of them have been extended by a year or eighteen months. Every time it comes closer to the expiration date, they extend it again. The company tests the kits to make sure they are still valid. There were no additional questions.

Ms. Mark asked that in terms of baby vaccines, do you give them out starting from birth? Ms. Mendelsohn said yes. Ms. Mark asked about the pamphlet in their department and if that is the pamphlet we use. Ms. Mendelsohn said yes and that we use pediatric standards and the same guidelines. The last question Ms. Mark had was about the mandated COVID purifiers and if the township has them. President Wollert said that we would need to check into that and Ms. Steward said that we are not aware of it being mandated in any public building but that there are purifiers in this building. Ms. Steward said that she doesn't think there is a "COVID purifier". There were no more questions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Wollert asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Schroth so moved, seconded by Mr. Baxter. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Kathleen Wollert, President

Kim J. Macellaro, Municipal Clerk